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Andover children such as (from left) Carly and Chelsea Frei, Josh Riemer and Cody and Sierra Heneghan will be able to go trick-or-treating on Halloween night. They are also ready for Sanborn Elementary's Spooky Fun Fair on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Selectmen: No trick on Halloween

Mom at center of candy controversy

The big brouhaha over moving trick-or-treating hours in Andover to the day before Halloween put a local e-mail-writing mom at the center of the controversy.

It was Ellen Davidson of Chestnut Street, a mother of two, who wrote an e-mail to her "routing list made up of mostly Bancroft School people." She and her husband have a fifth-grade student there and a seventh-grader at Doherty Middle School.

"Tomorrow will be told to move Thanksgiving?"

ELLEN DAVIDSON, IN AN E-MAIL

Andoverites from joining that traffic hassle on the Mass Pike. I say NO," she wrote.

"Next thing I know, there are two television trucks in my driveway," said Davidson, noting that the e-mail went much farther than Bancroft Elementary School and ended up being excerpted in a Boston newspaper on Monday. Television crews appeared later that day.

But, just like candy corn, the controversy was short and sweet. On Monday night, Andover selectmen quickly voted to keep trick-or-treating hours on Friday, Oct. 31 from 5 to 7:05 p.m. Davidson is enjoying the end result.

"It was democracy at work," she said of the vote. "E-mails were flying and people gave input. Selectmen responded and there was a quick resolution."

— Judy Wakefield

Trick-or-treat hours: Oct. 31 from 5-7:05 p.m.

By Andrea Gregory

A push to move trick-or-treating to Thursday, Oct. 30, the day before Halloween, flew off the selectmen's table as quickly as a witch on a broomstick with a unanimous vote to keep the treat-giving hours on the actual holiday.

Selectmen set the trick-or-treat time for Friday, Oct. 31 from 5 to 7:05 p.m., the same time that North Andover kids will take to the streets in costume.

Andover Police Chief Brian Pattullo had recommended that selectmen set trick-or-treat hours for the day before Halloween as some other communities are doing, including Lawrence and Methuen. Pattullo has said there would be less traffic on Thursday, making for a safer environment. But, once word got out that the selectmen were considering moving Halloween hours to the day before, the select-

men were flooded with e-mails, they said. Selectmen voted 5-0 on Monday to keep the trick-or-treating hours on Halloween night.

"This definitely brought as much enthusiasm and degradation as any other issue," said Selectman Brian Major.

"Some of them bordered on rude and inconsiderate, and by the way, there was a lot of wrong information," said Selectman Ray Hender.

The selectmen held up a stack of printed e-mails.

Most of the discussion at the meeting was light-hearted, and the topic was launched with Selectman Chairman John Hess brandishing a Halloween toy that made a spooky rattling sound.

"This has become much bigger than it should have," said Hess prior to Monday

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More layoffs seen for town

Selectmen reject early retirement, keep projects

By Andrea Gregory and Meir Rinde

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said he will probably need to lay off 15 workers by next July to reduce fiscal year 2005 expenses by about \$500,000. The school administration, which laid off 29 teachers and several other workers earlier this year, will also have to further reduce the number of employees on its payroll, he said.

Stapczynski had hoped selectmen would soften the

blow of job cuts by approving an early retirement incentive on Monday night that could have enticed as many as 30 employees to leave their jobs. But the consensus of the selectmen and Finance Committee was that Stapczynski did not have hard facts to back his claim that the move would save any money—let alone \$500,000.

"Assume, chance, if, unknown, uncertain," were the words most commonly used during the discussion, noted Ted Teichert, select-

man. "I'm just not going to take a gamble that this is going to work."

"This is an estimated guesstimate on who we think would take it," said Stapczynski. He said he believed money would be saved.

"We thought the savings, as presented, were overly optimistic," said Joanne Marden, Finance Committee chairwoman. "We felt that really, a compelling case for this hadn't been made."

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Youth Services wants move to Old Town Hall

By Andrea Gregory

For Nate Hass, walking the quiet hallways of Town Offices to reach Andover Youth Services is not a big deal. But the same cannot be said for all of the youth in Andover, some of whom are discouraged by the official location, he said.

That's why Bill Fahey, AYS director, wants to move youth services to Old Town Hall on Main Street. Andover Youth Services is currently located on the third floor of Town Offices on Bartlet Street.

"A lot of kids are just more nervous to come up here (to the current location). They think it would be weird," said Hass, 14. "A lot of my friends wouldn't come in."

So the possibility of relocating youth services to Old Town Hall, also known as the Town House, excites Hass.

"It's less of a serious environment," he said. "It should definitely happen. We should definitely move into that building. A lot more people will come in and a lot more ideas will come in."

According to Hass, part of the problem is employees in Town Offices are trying to get work done, and, he admits, a loud game of foosball has been known to disrupt nearby workers.

"We're outside, just having a good time, and people come out and say 'this is a place of work,'" said Emily Cummings, 15, who frequents the youth service space at Town Offices.

Town developer jailed in N.H.

Musgrove Building owner sentenced to 12 months, served 20 days

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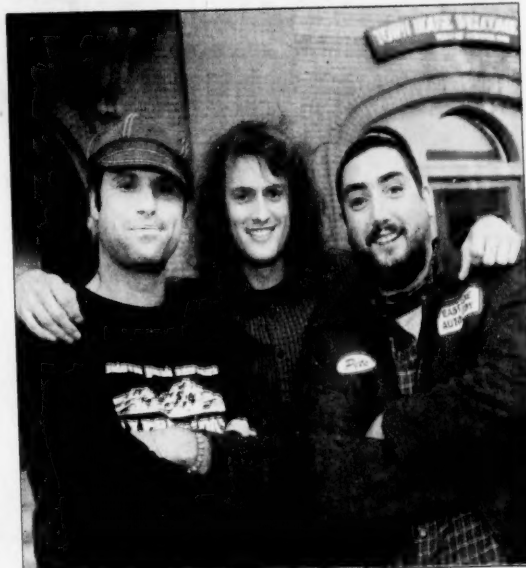
According to the kids, hanging out downtown is already a popular activity, so moving youth services there would make the department seem more accessible to kids. The downtown space also might provide more room for youth services.

"If there's a larger space more people would go and they wouldn't be so scared of the people at Town Offices," said Cummings.

Fahey said if officials agree to let youth services move to Old Town Hall, it could double the 600 square feet they are currently using.

"It could be a viable site for us, more visible to the public, more centralized," said Fahey. "It would just help us to be more a part of the community. I think it would be taking a building and putting it to good use. The main thing is just really being out there in front of the community."

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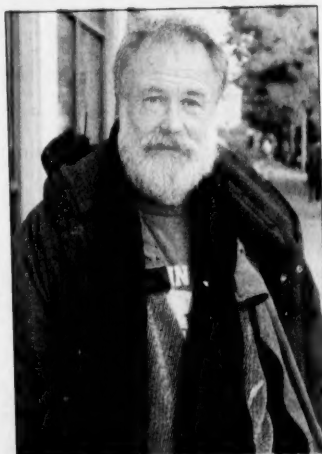


Andover Youth Service leaders Bill Fahey, Glenn Wilson and Tony Lombardi want their department moved to Old Town Hall, pictured behind them, where they believe teens are more likely to visit.

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After leaving group home, jail, man back on streets



Harold Marsh has become a familiar face downtown during the past year.

By Ben Hellman

As the weather turns colder, Harold Marsh—a homeless man who has been a conspicuous presence downtown for the past year—is back living on the streets of Andover.

Marsh left an Andover group home in August for reasons of his own and it is not clear whether he will move indoors as the weather gets colder.

Marsh was arrested last Friday for breaking a no trespassing order at a Shawshen Plaza business, Papa Gino's. He has been treated for mental illness in the past and arrested several times on non-violent charges.

Marsh, 50, was kneeling on the sidewalk outside CVS Pharmacy on Tuesday after picking up his belongings at the Andover police station, he said. He said his case was tried on Monday and a judge threw it out. Steve O'Connell,

spokesperson for District Attorney

Jonathan Blodgett, said this week there are currently no charges pending against Marsh.

"He (the judge) said, 'Stay out of Papa Gino's,'" said Marsh. The restaurant had complained of Marsh's loitering to Andover Police in the past and eventually took out a no trespassing order on him.

Marsh called Andover Police "reasonable friendly" but said, "When you're arrested, you don't like it at all." Marsh spent the weekend at the Middle-ton House of Corrections and said it was "pretty awful."

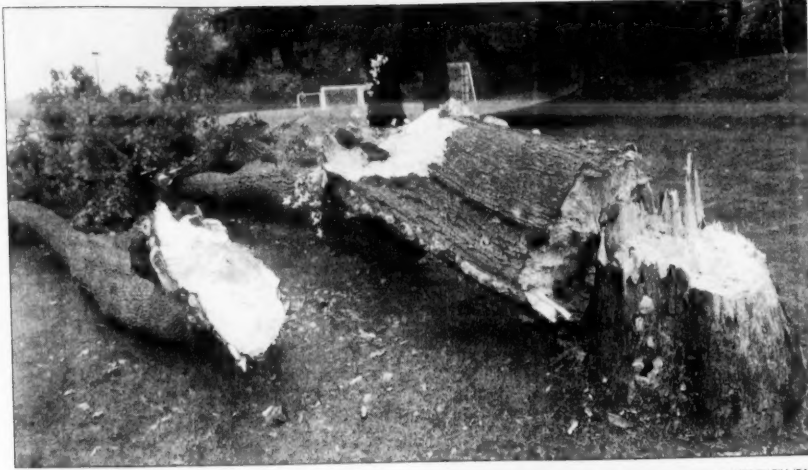
Marsh started spending his days and nights in Andover at least a year ago when he began loitering in downtown businesses and was found sleeping behind a Main Street business. Marsh stayed outdoors overnight in sub-zero temperatures in December and January.

"We don't have a mechanism in Massachusetts to force people to live where they don't want."

LESTER BLUMBERG, STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Interested Andover officials tried to help Marsh last winter, but he refused assistance. Shortly after an article about Marsh ran in the *Townsmen* last January, he was contacted by Massachusetts Department of Mental Health workers and given a

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Last Wednesday's storm not only knocked out power at three schools, but gave this tree on Bartlet Street a good wallop, too.

WEDNESDAY WINDSTORM

Bach explains early school closing

By Ben Hellman

Superintendent Claudia Bach shed light on her decision to send West Middle School and Andover High School students home early on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Wind storms knocked out power in parts of Andover, affecting those two schools and Sanborn Elementary School that morning. Sending kids home caused difficulties for some families, since many parents were at work when their children were released.

Bach said Mass Electric assured her before 7 a.m. — as she sat in the dark of her own home — that electricity would be

restored to the schools.

As late as 8:30 a.m., Bach said she was still being told the problem would be resolved. But because many of the school system's bus drivers have other jobs, she had to make her decision by 9 a.m., to be sure that the drivers would be available to drive the students home. Bach also said she decided to send Andover High and West Middle students home because there were no lights in the bathrooms and the schools could not serve kids a hot lunch.

Bach said she understood that her decision would cause trouble for families. "The last

thing in the world I would choose to do is release children from school early," she said.

At Sanborn Elementary, back-up generators kept the electricity running and kids remained at school.

Andover High School's generator had a water-related problem and failed to come on, said Bach. School Committee Art Barber said he wanted answers on why the AHS generator failed. He said the generator is only needed in bad weather, so it shouldn't be prone to such problems. Bach said Joe Piantadosi, plant and facilities director, was looking into the matter.

Parents: No redistricting again

Seek other solution to some schools being overcapacity

By Ben Hellman

If Brenda O'Brien, principal of High Plain Elementary School, gets her way, none of her students will be redistricted. O'Brien said High Plain Elementary parents feel the same way.

Reacting to School Committee discussions on solving High Plain Elementary's problem with overcrowding, O'Brien said High Plain families want to try to make their current space work before turning to any redistricting plan. High Plain Elementary opened 13 months ago.

"Our parents are very, very concerned about our kids being redistricted again," said O'Brien. O'Brien said letters will go home to parents and the matter will be addressed at High Plain's November PTO meeting.

Andover High School is also handling more students than it was designed to hold as part of its recent building project. School Committee member Art Barber said kids are having trouble navigating crowded hallways to get to class on time. "It looks like Route 128 in the morning," he said. The School Committee is encouraging High

Plain Elementary and Andover High families to discuss creative possibilities to solve the enrollment problems at the schools.

Two weeks ago, Superintendent Claudia Bach suggested forming a task force with representation from every school to study the problem of projected over-enrollments at AHS, current over-enrollments at High Plain and possible over-enrollments at South Elementary. At this week's meeting, School Committee Chairwoman Tina Girdwood said she didn't believe such a large group of people should be involved. She suggested the school administration could solve the problem.

Girdwood and member Dick Collins both supported the townwide redistricting two years ago, which resulted in the new High Plain Elementary School opening at capacity last year. They continued to support that decision at Tuesday's committee meeting. "Despite where we are now, I think it worked rather well," said Girdwood.

"This is an inevitable problem; it isn't incompetence in any way," said Collins.

Halloween

TRICK-OR-TREAT TIME

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night's meeting. "I don't think we would need to change it. Certainly, traditionally it's been Oct. 31."

"But this year we're going to move Thanksgiving to Friday," joked Major, at one point.

Among those residents to voice their opinions on trick-or-treating hours were Shane Kearney, 13, and Ian Kearney, 11, of 86 Poor St., both students at West Middle School.

The Kearney brothers left with a sense of satisfaction after witnessing the unanimous call to keep the holiday trick-or-treating on Oct. 31. "You get to stay up later," when the holiday is celebrated on a Friday, said Ian Kearney.

Already the two boys are looking forward to the day after Halloween — a Saturday they can spend eating candy, instead of a school day where they must wake up early to catch the bus.

"They shouldn't change it. They shouldn't change a holiday," said Ian Kearney, the boys' mother.

Oct. 30 event

League offers Open House

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover is hosting a Fall Open House next Thursday, Oct. 30, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Andover's Memorial Hall Library. The event will benefit the 2003 Community Read-Along Program that occurs during American Education Week. All are welcome to attend.

The LWV Fall Open House is an opportunity for interested members of the community to meet and mix with League members and to learn about local League programs and events. League representatives of committees responsible for the areas of candidate debates, warrant forum, voter services, sustainability and natural resources, affordable housing, work load of appointed boards, Pay-As-You-Throw trash program, High School block schedule, and adequate voter information will be there to discuss their work.

Special guest Madhu Sridhar, president of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts and an Andover resident, will be on hand to discuss state level programs and events.

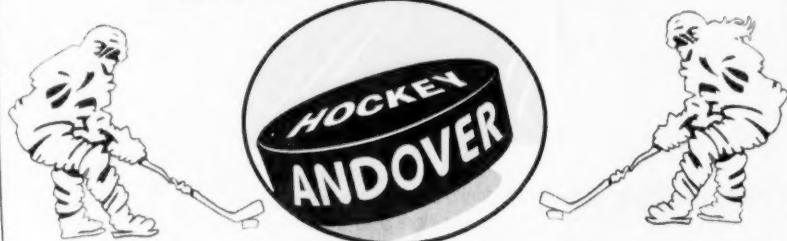
The LWV is suggesting that

guests bring a new or gently used book suitable for K-5 students to be donated to the libraries of the six Andover public elementary schools during the Community Read-Along. In the Community Read-Along, more than 150 town and civic leaders read their favorite book aloud to individual classrooms. The 2003 Community Read-Along is scheduled for American Education Week, Nov. 17-21.

Andover resident and the 34th Massachusetts LWV President Madhu Sridhar will be attending the Fall Open House. Sridhar joined the League of Women Voters in Andover in 1994 and served as the president of the League in Andover from 1996 to 1998 after becoming a naturalized citizen in 1996.

"I want to lead this organization to help create a participatory democracy for the 21st century; a democracy where the citizens are actively engaged in shaping governmental policies that affect their lives and where the government solicits citizen involvement. I want to get citizens more involved in their communities, at the ballot box, in public policy debates and in government deliberations both at the local and state level," said Sridhar.

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Adults of any age may take advantage of the flu shots. Flu shots are strongly recommended for people 60 years of age and older and for adults with long term chronic illness such as heart, lung, and/or kidney disease. Individuals should not have the flu shot if they are allergic to egg and egg products.

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Flags to be placed on veterans' graves

At 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26, Andover veterans, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies and other interested citizens will meet to place more than 3,000 flags on the graves of deceased Andover veterans in the town's 10 cemeteries.

After gathering at the main parking lot between the Park and Town Offices, the group will disperse to the various cemeteries. The entire process takes about 90 minutes and affords a good opportunity for those interested to get a glimpse of the town's history and contributions to the national defense, says John Doherty, veterans services agent.

For more information, call Doherty at 978-623-8218. The rain date will be Sunday, Nov. 2.

Quota membership

Quota International of Andover will hold its annual membership reception on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at Memorial Hall on the second floor of Memorial Hall Library, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This social get-together and information session is open to anyone who is interested in learning how to participate in Quota's service projects.

Quota is a non-profit international service organization comprised of local chapters committed to serving their community. The Andover club is known for its service projects to aid disadvantaged women and children as well as the hearing impaired community.

Guest speakers at the event will include some of Quota's 2003 grant recipients, including a student in the NECC Deaf Studies Program, along with representatives from the YWCA of Greater Lawrence, Trauma Prevention Program and Andover ABC.

Residents are asked to RSVP to Kiki Schneider at 978-474-9142, Cheryl Hebert at 978-686-3995, or to any other Quota member.

Parents getting depressed or old?

Marland Place and Gentiva Health Services will offer a program entitled "Are my parents getting depressed or just getting old?" on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 p.m. at Marland Place, 15 Stevens St. The event is free and open to the public. The following is a sample of the kinds of questions which will be answered: What does depression look like? How do I know that it isn't just a little old age confusion? Isn't depression a normal part of aging?

Oct. 30 deadline

Get your word out: Town Directory coming

The *Townsmen* will publish the 2003 Town Directory & Newcomers Guide on Thursday, Nov. 6.

The section will include information on town officials and town offices, and also will have a listing of clubs and non-profit organizations in Andover, such as the Newcomers Club, Andona Society, senior-citizen organizations, etc. Each organization is invited to send in a

press release of four sentences that includes the name of the club, purpose, and who may be contacted for more information.

The information is due next Thursday, Oct. 30.

Send the information to 33 Chestnut St., Andover 01810; or send it by e-mail to Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsman.com - or fax it to 978-470-2819.

Important note:

Organizations that have been listed in past directories should send updated information to be included in the section.

People interested in sharing a "hidden treasure of Andover" with newcomers should contact Andrea Gregory at agregory@andovertownsman.com.

Have questions? Call editor Neil Fater or assistant editor Jack Grady at 978-475-7000.

Quote, unquote...

FOR ME ONLY TO HAVE TO FOCUS on me - it's nothing.

— Nina Caron, a mother of four - and a 43-year-old marathon runner who qualified for the US Olympic Trials - about the effort it takes to focus on running a marathon. (Story, page 19)

THIS IS AN INEVITABLE PROBLEM; it isn't incompetence in any way.

— School Committee member Dick Collins, on High Plain Elementary School having more students than it was designed to hold. High Plain Elementary opened last year, and the schools instituted a townwide redistricting plan. The committee is now considering devising another redistricting plan to deal with the situation. (Story, page 2)

WE DIDN'T COME UP WITH ANY SAVINGS. You may have to eliminate a position just to pay the cost of this program

— Joanne Marden, Finance Committee chairwoman, on the town manager's idea to save money by offering an early retirement incentive to employees. (Story, page 1, 5)

News Calendar

Thursday, Oct. 23

Revenue Enhancement Committee, School Administration Building, conference room A, 7:30 a.m.

Shawsheen School Improvement Council, staff room, 3:15 p.m.

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

South School Improvement Council, conference room, 4 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

Andover Cultural Council, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 30

Pay As You Throw Committee, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 31

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, third floor, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 4

Vision 21 Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.



The top photo shows Main street looking south from the corner of Main and Park streets in 1946. In the block at right was a produce market operated by Mr. and Mrs. Basso, who grew vegetables in a large garden on Chestnut Street. Near the "SODA" sign was the Candy Kitchen, in a building that has since been demolished. The bottom photo shows the same area today.

Town census to go out

The annual town census will be mailed to residents at the beginning of January 2004.

Anyone who is leaving town for an extended period of time should contact the Town Clerk's office at 978-623-8257 so that they will not be dropped from the census rolls.

The town census is the only legal way that the town clerk of any municipality can verify residency. Increasingly, the town clerk's office is receiving requests for residency verification, especially to prove residency for public school admittance, according to Randall Hanson, town clerk. Also all registered voters must verify residency each year to remain on the voter rolls per state law. The town clerk notes that the state uses the census in determining the amount of state aid given.

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Situation seen as 'emblematic'

HOMELESS

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place to live in a group home in town, said Marsh. Marsh said he enjoyed living there, but left the home in August for reasons he couldn't articulate.

Lester Blumberg, Chief of Staff for Massachusetts Department of Mental Health was unfamiliar with the details of Marsh's situation. He said DMH needed more resources, but if Marsh left the home by his own will, there is no way to force him to live there. "I can't comment on whether this case is a resource issue. (Marsh) is certainly emblematic," he said.

Homelessness is an issue that affects most Massachusetts towns and cities more than it affects Andover. Carol Malone, policy director for Human Services at Andover state Sen. Sue Tucker's office, said that mental health services were underfunded by \$13 million this year. "Mental health has been hit pretty hard," she said.

Caritas Holy Family Hospital, where Marsh was taken at least once last winter to be examined, closed its mental health facilities this year.

But if housing is offered to Marsh and he turns it down, there isn't anything the state can do unless he becomes a danger to himself or others. "We don't have a mechanism in Massachusetts to force people to live where they don't want," said Blumberg.

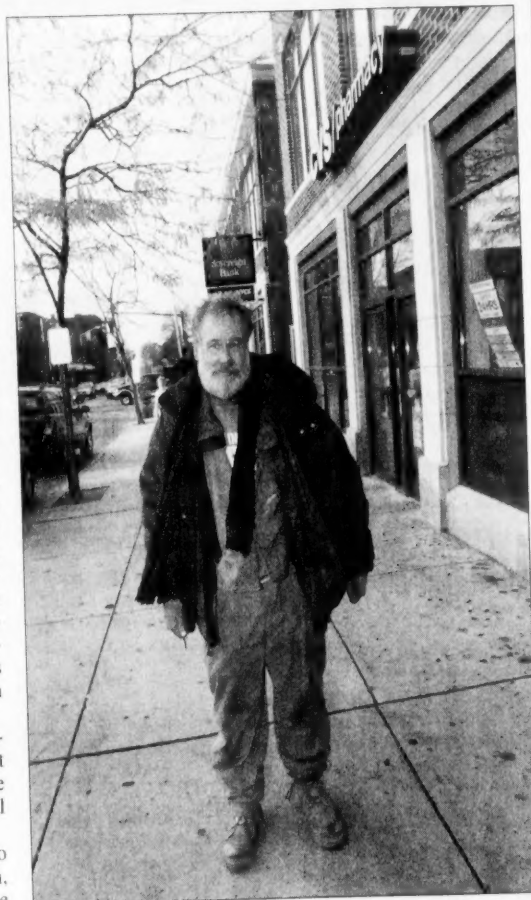


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Harold Marsh, a homeless man who has spent many days in Andover during the past year, is again living on the street, after choosing to leave a group home in town. He was recently released from jail after being charged on a warrant for trespassing at a local eatery.

Downtown developer convicted of witness tampering in N.H.

DiNapoli, owner of Musgrove Building, serves 20 days

By Andrea Gregory

Big time land owner Antonio DiNapoli, of 65 Central St., spent time in a New Hampshire House of Corrections this summer after being convicted of witness tampering.

DiNapoli was sentenced to 12 months in the Hillsborough House of Corrections, but had all but 30 days of his sentence continued for three years. His time behind bars was served in August. In addition, DiNapoli was slapped with a year of probation, a \$3,000 fine and 100 hours of community service.

According to DiNapoli's New Hampshire lawyer, Paul Hodes with the law offices of Shaheen & Gordon, only 20 days of his sentence was actually served and the courts agreed to let DiNapoli serve his time in August so it would be "the least inconvenient" for his client.

"It's never a good time," admitted Hodes.

DiNapoli is the owner of several recognizable properties in Andover such as the Musgrove Building in Elm Square, the Nathan Frye Complex on North Main Street, a building and parking lot off Post Office Avenue, a two-family home on South Main Street, and two properties on Central Street.

According to Steve Colyer, Andover planning director, DiNapoli has only been purchasing land in Andover for about five years and currently does not have any proposals before town boards.

Prior to his conviction, DiNapoli was wrapped up in a civil suit filed against him by Dobson and Pinci law firm. The firm was suing DiNapoli for alleged unpaid legal fees. The trial took place in July 2001.

According to court documents, Dobson and Pinci intended to call Tim Ferris, a former employee of DiNapoli, to testify against DiNapoli.

According to the evidence presented by the state, this is what allegedly happened:

Following the first day of the trial, DiNapoli and Ferris had dinner. DiNapoli asked Ferris if he would testify on his behalf regarding DiNapoli's understanding of the events and DiNapoli offered \$2,000 to \$3,000 cash, Red Sox tickets, and future employment in exchange for the testimony. Though Ferris told him he was too busy to testify, he agreed to talk with him again.

The next day Ferris called the plaintiff's attorneys. They took the information to the judge who then declared a mistrial.

As a result, DiNapoli was charged with witness tampering, a felony. In the criminal trial, Ferris said if he had gone along with DiNapoli's request he would have been lying.

DiNapoli's lawyer argued that DiNapoli had merely offered the money to Ferris to compensate him for his time. Being involved in the civil trial could have taken 20 hours of Ferris' time, according to infor-

mation in DiNapoli's summary of the case. Court files show that DiNapoli's lawyer noted Ferris makes \$100 to \$150 per hour, which he argued accounted for the \$2,000 to \$3,000 offer.

"Following his lawyer's advice Mr. DiNapoli talked to the witness," said Hodes.

Hodes did not represent DiNapoli during either the criminal or civil trial, and said he began representing him when the criminal case against DiNapoli was in the process of winding down, but before he went to jail this summer.

"Unfortunately a choice was made for (DiNapoli) not to testify. He did not get to tell his side of the story," said Hodes.

Hodes said DiNapoli's previous legal advisor told him it was acceptable to pay witness expenses, and then testified in the criminal case. As for the Red Sox tickets, "that was a casual thing that happened at the end of a conversation," said Hodes.

When asked if he was pursuing action against DiNapoli's former lawyer, Hodes said, "It would not be appropriate as something for me to comment on at this time."

When asked if DiNapoli would want to comment now, his lawyer said, "I doubt it."

"He is very disappointed in the outcome of the matter," said Hodes. "There was nothing in his mind that he meant inappropriately in any way. I believe this is the first time he ever had criminal trouble."

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Red Cross hosts annual Salute to Veterans

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returned from combat duty in Iraq with the First Armored Division. Three local men, Tom Haugh and Tony Cuticchia of Andover and Andy Bernard of Methuen, all of whom won the Silver Star for heroism while serving as medics and corpsmen, and Lt. Col. Edith Sheridan, a career Army nurse, will be honored. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Gary Whitten or Alison Forsythe at 978-372-6871.

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Local Voice of the Faithful groups become one body

Mass of Rededication as group plans to continue work

By Andrea Gregory

The Voice of the Faithful groups at three local Catholic Churches are joining forces to create a stronger Voice of the Faithful affiliate and coordinate their efforts. Though a settlement between the Archdiocese of Boston and sexual abuse victims was finalized this week, members say their work is not finished.

A Mass will be held at St. Michael's in North Andover on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. to celebrate the Voice of the Faithful's one year anniversary and the merger of local groups that will create a 250-member Greater Lawrence branch.

During a difficult time in the Catholic Church, when the priest sexual abuse scandal surfaced, many individuals were finding it difficult to fully support the Church. The Voice of the Faithful emerged to welcome Catholics suffering or struggling in their relationship with the church.

Almost a year has passed since Andover Catholics established their own VOTF chapter in what has grown to become a national organization. JoAnne Nowak, of Fossen Way, was among those to bring Voice of the Faithful to the St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Andover.

"There are a lot of reasons for the celebration now," she said. "As an organization, we still have a lot of work to do. A lot of people think with a new bishop and the settlements, it's over. It's not over."

According to Nowak, it is a time for celebration, but it will never be a time to forget the sins and suffering that took place. She admits she was among those who first sought out the group as a place to vent and channel her anger.

"People initially joined out of anger. I was either going to leave (the church) or be a part of the solution. We are part of the change that is happening with the church," she said.

She said the initial anger among members has calmed and the mission is to seek positive changes and prevent another abuse scandal from ever happening again. She said part of the prevention is remembering that it happened.

"The pain and suffering of the victims doesn't end with a payment," she said. "And I can't let people forget that."

Emilie Gilbert, of Chestnut Street, has been active with Voice of the Faithful, helping to seek out and participate in part of the solution.

"Even in our parish, we've seen some structural changes start to happen," she said.

She attended training classes for abuse prevention and awareness to offer certification to clergy, staff and volunteers in the church. The certification is mandated by the Boston Archdiocese and those who do not attend a session will no longer be eligible to serve the church after Dec. 31.

Criminal background checks are now administered and will need to be resubmitted every year for clergy, staff, parish council and volunteers.

"It helps with their healing to know these types of things are being done," said Gilbert, of abuse victims. "I am prayerful and hopeful there is more change to come."

She said the recent past of the Catholic Church may be "ugly," but ignoring it or forgetting it will not make it disappear.

"If we don't look at it, we could be living it. It's when people start to look at it and communicate that it will end," she said.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The small playing field south of Doherty Middle School is being considered as the site of the town's next senior center.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Land to seniors considered

But leaders question if town will support expense

By Meir Rinde

Despite concerns for child safety, the School Committee is considering giving the town the two Doherty Middle School soccer fields it needs to build the proposed \$5 million senior center.

In addition to parking and safety worries, School Committee members said they were concerned that Town Meeting would not approve an expensive new building project during a budget crunch that has already forced the schools to lay off 29 teachers and is expected to require more town layoffs next year.

"Is the town willing to do this?" asked Committeeman Richard J. Collins. "We have suffered tremendously in this school system, and our children have suffered tremendously. I'm the only senior citizen on this board, but I'm very concerned about our schools."

If passed, the two-story, 27,000-square-foot center would be built on the fields just south of the Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street. The

School Committee will vote to hand over land ownership Nov. 18.

Selectman Mary Lyman and Senior Center Task Force member Donald Robb — both former School Committee members — said they understood the town's problems, but said the need for a larger Senior Center made it imperative that the town borrow money to finance the project. The current senior center is near the new location in the school administration building behind Town Offices.

"The Senior Center Task Force, like everyone involved in town affairs, is keenly aware of the budget problems we face this year," Robb said. "If people want this, they have to be able to pay for it."

Committee member Anthony H. James said from his experience with building projects, early cost estimates end up ballooning by as much as 30 percent before the work is done.

"As we go forward, let's make sure we have realistic numbers," he said.

James also said the site was almost too small for a senior center, a concern neighbors of the soccer fields have raised in the past.

"It seems to me we're trying to squeeze something into the site, where if we had 100 feet more on each side we'd all be more comfortable," he said.

With the land under selectmen's control, the task force will ask April Town Meeting to approve \$500,000 in borrowing to pay for construction plans, Robb and Lyman said. The rest of the borrowing would require approval of debt exclusion, a type of Proposition 2½ override allowing taxes to increase over 20 years to pay off the debt.

The construction costs would have to be approved at both Town Meeting and at the ballot box. The earliest the new center would open is 2007, Lyman said.

During the 1990s, a private group called Friends of Andover Seniors tried to raise the money to build a senior center it could donate to the town, but its effort fell short.

Manager: Stay where you are

YOUTH SERVICES

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The move would be temporary while the long-awaited youth center is built in West Andover.

"It's not like we're moving in for 20 years," said Fahey. "It's one of those ideas that seems to make sense, but there's probably more than meets the eye and we would just like to talk about it," said Fahey. "I think there would have to be some serious discussion around it."

"It's not a bad idea. It's

something that may be useful to give them a presence downtown," said John Hess, selectmen chairman. "It's certainly on the table. If the space is there it should certainly be put to good use."

No formal discussion has taken place, but decision-making officials have been asked to consider letting AYS move to Old Town Hall.

Buzz Stapczynski, town manager, said he does not think AYS moving twice is a good idea. He called Old Town Hall a

"fragile" building, and said he did not think it would be a good fit for AYS.

"I think they're perfectly suited here where they are," said Stapczynski.

Though Stapczynski said he is open to discussing the matter, he suggested talks should center around whether more space is really needed. Considering the state of Andover's budget, he added, this year and next are not times for departments to expand. "We're not in an expanding mode," he said.

FinCom, selectmen don't see cost savings from early retirement

BUDGET

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Marden said the Finance Committee looked at the numbers and savings before voting 5-2 against offering the early retirement option.

"We didn't come up with any savings," she said, adding the cost of implementing the program could pose an additional burden to the town. "You may have to eliminate a position just to pay the cost of this program."

"I question the motive behind this. I think it is a political one," said Don Robb, of 36 York St. "This allows us to do business as usual, but it does not have us rethink the way we do business in Andover."

"This does give us an opportunity to thin from the top," said Stapczynski. "(Town employees) who you couldn't touch with a lay off."

Selectman Ray Hender was the only selectman who thought the early retirement incentive would be worth trying, given the

lack of solid evidence of cost savings.

Stapczynski also asked selectmen if they wished to shift some money destined for capital improvement projects — including maintenance of town buildings, replacement of aging vehicles, and other long-term expenses — to the town's general fund. Selectmen did not.

The town follows a guideline of spending 2 percent of the budget on capital improvements, plus 20 percent of "new growth" taxes collected on homes and businesses built during the past year. Selectmen voted to stick with that formula rather than shift the new growth taxes to other parts of the budget.

In the next phase of the annual budgeting process, Stapczynski and selectmen will review projects proposed by town departments and decide which ones will go before Town Meeting for approval in the spring. The current draft budget numbers call for the town to spend \$2.3 million on capital improve-

ments in fiscal 2005, up from \$1.8 million in the current year.

Budget numbers

While nobody knows exactly how the sluggish economy will affect state tax collections over the next year, Stapczynski said he estimates the legislature will again slash the amount of aid it sends to Andover by 10 percent, as it did at the start of the current fiscal year.

His projections show that the amount of state education assistance will drop from almost \$5 million to \$4.5 million, and lottery money will fall from about \$1.6 million to \$1.4 million, he said.

The town budget will increase slightly next year to about \$104 million, he said. One of the fast-growing expenses will be health insurance for town employees, climbing 20 percent to \$8.4 million. Special education and other non-wage school costs will jump by almost \$1 million to \$10.8 million.

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Opinion

Yes, Virginia, there is a Halloween

THERE ARE HUNDREDS of more important issues in this town besides which Andover kids will be allowed to trick-or-treat. Unless you're a kid.

If you are a kid, trick-or-treating on a day other than Halloween — a Friday this year — is akin to being an adult and ringing in the New Year on Dec. 30. It just wouldn't feel the same. People want to celebrate their holidays on the holiday.

So some Andover parents with young kids were turning the shade of candied apples this week because Police Chief Brian Pattullo asked selectmen to move trick-or-treating hours to the day before Halloween. Instead of trick-or-treating on a Friday, Pattullo was asking for the candy-giving to happen one day early. He and other local police chiefs had talked about aligning several Merrimack Valley towns so that all trick-or-treating would occur on the same day. More importantly, he believed there would be far more traffic during the dark Friday Halloween night than on Thursday, Oct. 30. He believed a Thursday event would be safer. "That's what they ask me to do, look out for public safety," said Pattullo.

Accidents can happen at any time. No one would want one on Halloween. But drivers know to be on the lookout for little candy-toting ghouls every Oct. 31, whether it falls on a Friday or Thursday.

In addition, most kids might have only one Friday night Halloween in their trick-or-treating lifetime. This year is one year when kids can grab their loot and not worry about doing homework for the next day, or about waking up for school before 7 a.m. Selectmen made the obvious and correct choice not to turn out the porch light on the town's kids this Friday.

Web question

Youth services on Main Street?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was: High Plain Elementary overcrowding prompted Superintendent Claudia Bach to suggest redistricting elementary schools in west Andover. Is this a good idea?

58 people voted.
8, or 14 percent, said, "Yes. Because of overcrowding, some kids are not getting an equal learning environment compared to peers at other Andover schools."
38, or 66 percent, said, "No. Redistricting was an emotional ordeal for the kids who moved into High Plain from other schools. They shouldn't be forced to move to another elementary school."
10, or 17 percent, said, "If school leaders think it should be done, fine. But the process should be transparent and every kid should be subject to the same rules."
2, or 3 percent, voted "Other."

This week's question: **Andover Youth Services wants to use Old Town Hall as a temporary youth center until the new center in West Andover is built. Is this a good idea?**

• Yes, kids need a place to hang around after school. Old Town Hall is a central location where kids can be watched by the community.
• Yes, kids say don't like to socialize in Town Offices where youth services currently resides.
• No, downtown Main Street is a bad place to encourage lots of kids to congregate because it is heavily congested with traffic after school. It will be dangerous for kids, and traffic will only get worse with parents traveling over there to pick up and drop off.
• No, it will disrupt downtown businesses.
• Other.
To cast a vote, surf to www.andovertownsmen.com.

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OCTOBER MARCH



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The Andover High School Marching Band shows off a new look with a "marching drum line" at the Andover High football game against Haverhill on Friday, Oct. 17.

LETTERS

Librarian's lost work could fill a book

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Kudos are due to the many people who have stepped up to volunteer at the Doherty Middle School library. But let us not think for even one minute that re-shelving and checking books is anything close to the job that Annetta Freedman has done.

In her years as a school librarian, she brought school libraries into the high-tech age. She helped thousands of students learn the important skill of researching. She helped build character and confidence in every student she interacted with.

No one will ever know all that Freedman has done; she is too modest and fine to mention it. She opened her library early many mornings (way before her scheduled hours), so that students with working parents had a place to go.

So the Andover schools leaders are saving a paltry amount by cutting her hours. Shame on them — they have no idea what the students are really losing.

Anita Aronson
Teaberry Lane

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Neil Fater

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this weekend. Somehow, when they get on the horse, they feel better, they look better, their ailments seem to melt away.

"It's not just young people, it's the older people with MS (multiple sclerosis)," said resident George Behrakis, who was honored this weekend with his wife, Margo, for their donations to CU. "I would say the young people know what day they're coming. I bet they're raring to go."

The experts call the Cowboy Up treatment hippotherapy. They say the movement of the horse simulates the walking movement of the rider, leading to improved coordination and endurance.

But regular folks have other words for the treatment: amazing, touching, emotional.

"It's almost a tear-jerker when you look at it. I'm very impressed with the volunteers. I think they're the heroes, not myself or my family just because we gave the financing," Behrakis said. "I think we should have this all over the country."

Deedee O'Brien has been the executive director of CU for each of its 20 years. She said that in the 1970s the farm's owner, Richard "Dick" Donovan decided to offer groups of disabled people the chance to ride horses. Quickly, she said, "You could see. It was not just something you do for fun, it was really having benefits. We started to research the benefits and to do it on a regular basis."

O'Brien still remembers one of the first days this hit home, when David Niernman, a young man with cerebral palsy came to the farm. "His father wanted him to ride and I didn't want to put him on a horse because I was afraid he'd be hurt," said O'Brien. "The father said, 'He deserves the chance, just like the other kids.'"

Looking at a gift horse

Drive down Lowell Street and you could easily miss the sign for Ironstone Farm. But there are hundreds of people who wouldn't miss their appointment at Ironstone for the world.

People with a variety of disabilities go to Ironstone Farm to ride horses as part of a program called Challenge Unlimited, which celebrated its 20th anniversary

The owner, Donovan, agreed, so O'Brien nervously put the man on a horse.

"When he got up, we had to hold him on. After about 15 or 20 minutes, his legs began to relax. By the time he finished the session, his legs were dangling. That was an eye-opener for me. I didn't even know that was possible."

"That was his first session with us. He's still coming. He's about 42 now."

"He's eager to get on the horse," said David's mother, Sylvia. "His room has a number of ribbons and awards from events that he's participated in. It's a part of his life that's important to him, particularly as he's gotten older."

As David Niernman has gotten older, the curvature of his spine has worsened. But when he gets on the horse, Sylvia Niernman said, he sits much taller and straighter. "I've taken him to physical therapy after his morning horseback riding and they always seem to notice his 'tone' is better after horseback riding," said Sylvia Niernman. "He's much more relaxed."

"I'm sure what they're doing has helped maintain him as much as possible," she said.

That's why businessmen such as Behrakis keep supporting Challenge Unlimited.

"The faces. That's what gets me. The happiness on the faces when they have so many obstacles to overcome," said Behrakis.

For 20 years now, the folks who come to Ironstone Farm have had a horse to help them leap over those obstacles, to leave obstacles behind — if only for a few minutes every week. Who would want to miss that?

Neil Fater is editor of the *Andover Townsmen*. He can be reached by e-mail at nfater@andovertownsmen.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

THE THURSDAY FILE

Youth fades; love droops, the leaves of friendship fall; a mother's secret hope outlives them all.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

An inexhaustible good nature is one of the most precious gifts of heaven, spreading itself like oil over the troubled sea of thought, and keeping the mind smooth and equable in the roughest weather.

WASHINGTON IRVING

A desk is a dangerous place from which to view the world.

ANONYMOUS

I need problems, a good problem always makes me come alive.

TINY ROWLAND

Until you value yourself, you won't value your time. Until you value your time, you will not do anything with it.

M. SCOTT PECK

The cynic knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.

OSCAR WILDE

Just as a monkey roaming through the forest grabs hold of one branch, lets that go and grabs another, repeatedly, so too that which is called "mind" and "mentality" and "consciousness" arises as one thing and ceases as another by day and by night.

BUDDHIST PROVERB

Any activity becomes creative when the doer cares about doing it right, or doing it better.

JOHN UPDIKE

About 'The Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall started the file on the Internet. The Web site for his creation is www.hudsonvanloo.ca and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as the ones on this page.

A friendship can weather most things and thrive in thin soil; but it needs a little mulch of letters and phone calls and small, silly presents every so often — just to save it from drying out completely.

PAM BROWN

The Eleanor Roosevelt quotation

You always admire what you really don't understand.

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She would rather light candles than curse the darkness and her glow has warmed the world.

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If you are going to be a farmer, you have to milk cows, twice a day.

LETTERS

Cell phones + no parents = party

Parents, teens must work to stop weekend destruction

Editor, Townsman:

The following is a must read for high school parents because this could happen to them.

Suppose they have a great kid. She/he is a successful and hardworking student, a leader in a varsity sport, and has never been in trouble. One night his/her parents go to a family weekend at the "great kid's" sister's college.

While left behind to work the weekend, the son or daughter invites a few close friends to watch the Red Sox game. Seems harmless enough, but apparently this is part of a major problem in our town. The word spreads across town in minutes with the help of cell phones and instant messaging to a town of teenagers looking for a place to hang, be with friends, drink alcohol and smoke pot.

As the word spreads, kids show up at the front door. The "good" child does not let the growing crowd into the house, but the party grows outside. This student is confident that he or she can control the situation, especially being a senior at AHS, and that the kids will just leave when not invited in. But the outside party grows and causes neighbors or drivers passing by to call the police.

As the police arrive, panic takes over. Kids hide in closets, climb out on the roof, and overall, are disrespectful to our town's police officers by using obscenities and throwing things at them.

The police officers see a disorderly and loud house without any adults present. They arrest the child as the homeowner and clear everyone from the house.

The child is cuffed and jailed for hours, and appears in adult criminal court. It's an experience that will never be forgotten.

Now the kids that were not invited and not allowed into the house think this student deserves to be arrested because he or she did not act in their best interest and let them in to provide a place to party.

Recognize this is a problem in Andover. The police know that it is and, sadly, so do many parents.

I forgot how brutal teenagers can be to each other.

Why wouldn't my own son/daughter call the police with a growing number of kids thinking this is the Andover party of the night? Because kids think they can handle the situation and that other kids will respect each other - my child was wrong on both counts.

The police told us that this happens every weekend in Andover and that the policy is zero tolerance. They said the word spreads with cell phones and IM and often without people being invited to the home. People should consider themselves lucky if there is no major damage to their home and no one is hurt.

In looking back on the situation, we know that kids should not have been invited, even if it was only a few close friends. Unfortunately, the risk of creating an out-of-control event is the

reality.

Mistake No. 2, the child should recognize the situation is not within his or her control. This may be logical for adults, but may not be for omnipotent teenagers. The police should have been called right away.

So, I offer this call to action to parents:

- Recognize this is a problem in Andover. The police know that it is and, sadly, so do many parents.
- Talk to your kids about the problem and how to handle if they are ever faced with this situation.
- Know what your kids are doing. Are they staying out after 1 a.m. and you don't know where? Have them home at a reasonable hour and don't drop them off at a party without knowing that the parents are home.

To our teenagers in Andover who will be going on to college and have a more privileged life than 99.8 percent of the rest of the world:

- Respect each other
- Treat fellow classmates the way you expect to be treated
- Don't participate in abusive and destructive behavior
- Do not tell anyone that your parents are not home

We have a great town that is a complete bore to some teenagers looking for action. We need to all work together with other parents, our kids, the school, and the police department in order to improve the current environment.

Kathy McCurdy
354 Salem St.

Support for literacy effort something to write about

Editor, Townsman:

The Leadership & Literacy Foundation is overwhelmed with the public support for our Literacy for Life Event which was held Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Wyndham Andover. More than 180 people attended our first annual event and helped raise more than \$15,000. The contributions will be used to support literacy programs, training sessions, literacy kits for libraries and community centers, as well as leadership training programs for adults and teens.

We have much work ahead of us in the Greater Merrimack Valley. Lawrence is currently facing a staggering 14 percent unemployment rate - an unac-

ceptable number when we look at the abundance of jobs and opportunities available in other areas of our state. Unacceptable when we look at our neighbors living at or below the poverty level.

The Leadership & Literacy Foundation is working with federal, state, local, public and private organizations to change those numbers for the better. By providing residents with a strong sense of community and civic responsibility, we can begin to help those who struggle to rise from their circumstances and work to shape a stronger, more resilient community. With a solid foundation in leadership and literacy skills, our neighbors

can achieve what was once an impossible dream. We continue to strive for a strong community that will be a nurturing village for not only our children but for entrepreneurs, small businesses and corporations alike.

We look forward to building a stronger Merrimack Valley region. With support like we received this month, we know that community members are equally as excited to begin this journey with us as we continue to extend our reach into the community.

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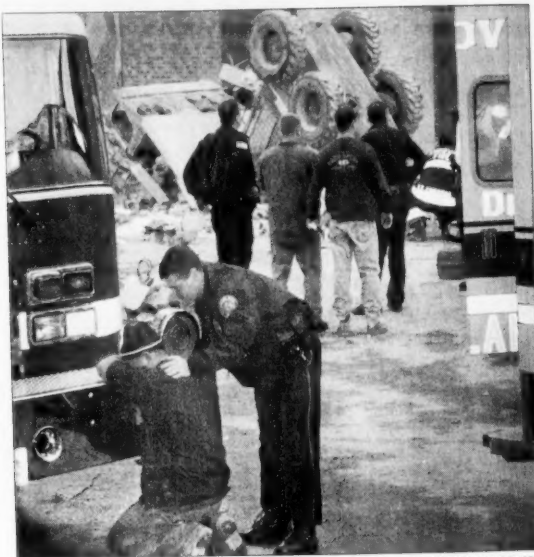
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GREATER LAWRENCE CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENT

Brothers grieve after worker falls to death at tech school



A police officer comforts the brother of Vichey Phoung last week after the vehicle Phoung was driving fell from the second floor of the Greater Lawrence Technical School, killing Phoung.

By Ben Hellman and Charlie Russo

A construction worker fell to his death in view of his brothers and several other men on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 15, after accidentally driving his Bobcat construction vehicle off the second story of Greater Lawrence Technical School.

Vichey Phoung, 23, of Lynn was pushing debris out the window of a second-story room to the ground below. At about 5 p.m., Phoung's Bobcat went off the edge and landed upside down. He died from massive head trauma, police said.

Superintendent Frank Vacirca said students and teachers were spared from witnessing the after-hours incident.

Vacirca said grief counseling was made available by school counselors and the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP), a business that offers emergency counseling at the scene of accidents. Vacirca said that no student of teacher required counseling.

Jayan Conlin, an Andover resi-

dent and owner of TIP, said counselors were on the scene to help the brother of Phoung. She called the situation "very tragic - devastating" for the workers who witnessed the accident. "In general there is an overwhelming sense of helplessness - survivor guilt, shock, disbelief, denial, a numb feeling, like you're under water," she said.

TIP called the family of the victim to offer it information about long-term grief counseling.

Phoung has three brothers - Saroeum, Perry and a man whose name police did not know. Saroeum and Perry were at the scene, one of them dropping to his knees and sobbing while rescue workers scrambled over the upside-down vehicle with hydraulic saws and cutting tools. The head trauma was severe enough that rescue workers soon gave up, realizing the accident was fatal.

The windows from where the debris was being dumped have small barriers at their edges. But the front loader of Phoung's Bobcat 753 might have been over-weighted or the barrier might have broken

from repeated rams, allowing the vehicle to crash through, said police Lt. Kevin Winters.

Kenneth Tarbell, vice president of TLT Construction, the contractors performing the work, arrived on the scene shortly after the accident. "We're just going to assist officials with the investigation,"

Tarbell said. He said this was the first fatal work accident he could remember in 25 years working at TLT.

The Greater Lawrence Technical School is undergoing a \$51 million renovation, with work scheduled to be completed next year. It is located on River Road.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Friday, Oct. 17 - At 1:40 p.m., James Montbleau, 37, of 135 Lafayette St., Lowell was arrested and charged with possession of a hypodermic needle.

At 2:20 p.m., Ramon Baiza, 23, of 6 Cypress St., Somerville, was arrested and charged with violation of a domestic protective order.

Saturday, Oct. 18 - At 5:54 p.m., Tait McCobb, 18, of 1 Locke St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, threatening to commit crime and possessing liquor as a minor.

Sunday Oct. 19 - At 3:46 a.m., Eric Weydt, 29, of 282 Salem St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and with a suspended license.

BREAKS

Thursday, Oct. 16 - At 8:55 p.m., a Morton Street resident reported a break in and said watches and other valuables were missing.

Monday, Oct. 20 - At 1:46 p.m., a trailer was reported broken into on River Road.

INCIDENTS

Friday, Oct. 17 - At 2:44 p.m., a resident reported that his adult son fled from home in his car after his doctor committed him for suicidal and homicidal tendencies.

Saturday, Oct. 18 - Throughout the day, car windows were reported smashed on Canterbury Street, Scotland Drive and Shawshen Road. Three mailboxes were reported smashed on other streets.

Sunday Oct. 19 - At 8:28 p.m., a Jenkins Road resident reported lending his car to a friend and after a month she is refusing to return it. He said she took it to Virginia.

Monday, Oct. 20 - At 9:54 a.m., a student at Andover High School was threatened with violence and the school wanted a report taken.

At 10 a.m., a business on Main Street complained that several men seemed to be checking out banks. An officer reported they were looking for an attorney on Main Street.

At 1:47 p.m., someone reported finding bones on West Elementary School grounds while using a metal detector.

Tuesday, Oct. 21 - At 7:58 a.m., a Crescent Drive resident reported her car window smashed for the second time.

At 8:26 p.m., a contractor was violating a town bylaw by pouring a foundation after hours on Carmel Road. An officer reported workers would shut down for the night.

At 8:46 p.m., a man complained that no one was answering the phone at a nursing home and he couldn't reach his wife. An officer reported a problem with the phone there.

Boy hit in eye with arrow

Sunday Oct. 19 - At 4:47 p.m., an 8-year-old boy was shot in the eye with an arrow by a 12-year-old boy while playing in the Belle Haven Drive neighborhood.

Detective Sgt. Donald Pattullo said the 8-year-old was playing with an older boy who had a compound bow made for children. "It just boggles my mind that these things (compound bows) would be made for children and that anyone would buy them," said Pattullo.

Police said the boy injured was blocking the arrow with a toy shield and the arrow deflected and went into his eye. The injured boy was brought to Massachusetts General Hospital by ambulance.

A compound bow is built in three sections, a center section where the grip is located, and the two end sections or limbs. The compound bow uses a system of cables and pulleys or cams to provide more power with less effort required by the user. They are popular among hunters and target shooters because once the string is drawn back halfway the cable system reduces the amount of effort required of the archer to hold the bow at full draw, which is helpful when aiming the bow at a target or wild game.

At 11:47 p.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reported someone knocking on her door, but she was afraid to answer it because she couldn't see anyone from the peephole. An officer reported it was an elderly female lost and looking for her apartment.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Oct. 16 - At 5:07 p.m., a Bobcat fell off a building, killing the operator (see story above).

Friday, Oct. 17 - At 10:48 a.m., there was an accident on North Main Street with injuries.

Saturday, Oct. 18 - At 8:37 a.m., there was an accident with injuries on North Main Street.

Sunday Oct. 19 - At 1:41 a.m., an accident on Porter Road led to injuries. The Andover Fire Department had to employ the jaws of life to free the victim from the wreck.

At 3:09 p.m., an accident on Lowell Junction Road led to injuries. One occupant had a cut on his hand.

VANDALISM

There were seven reports of vandalism.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR



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A Fusion of Art, Culture and Community – Arts Alive will hold an open studios art show and sale this weekend, starting with an opening reception tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. More than 20 artists will exhibit in a renovated historic mill building at 60 Island St., Lawrence. Andover exhibiting artists include Greg Welch, Susan Seifer, Julieanne Ring and Helen Thornburn. The artists plan ongoing workshops, live music, a children's crafts corner and refreshments. The event is free and open to the public. Contact Julieanne Ring at 978-682-2478, or Julieannerringphoto.com.

Thursday, October 23

Live music, Tim O'Brien with Dirk Powell, 8 p.m., \$20, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music, organ recital by Felix Hell, \$7, \$2 children, doors open at 7:30 p.m., recital 8 p.m., Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen; www.mmmh.org.

Luncheon, Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer, noon-1 p.m., will offer information from area health care providers and a photo exhibit "Living with Breast Cancer" by former *Andover Townsman* editor Perry Colmore, City Hall, 4 Summer St., Haverhill; 978-374-2325.

Talk, Merrimack Repertory Theatre will host a panel discussion, led by experts in the fields of Women's Studies, Psychology and Sociology, free, 6:30 p.m., prior to the 8 p.m. performance of *Boy Gets Girl*, Merrimack Repertory Theatre Liberty Hall, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, box office 978-454-3926.

Theater, Merrimack Repertory Theatre presents *Boy Gets Girl*, tickets \$23-\$39, call for times, Merrimack Repertory Theatre Liberty Hall, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, box office 978-454-3926.

Presentation, Saints Memorial Medical Center's Prevention Institute presents "What you need to know about Diabetes and Prediabetes," 7 p.m., first floor conference room, One Hospital Drive,

Lowell, to register call 978-934-8343.

Lecture, Northern Essex Community College's Life Long Learning Program, presents Celia Loughton-Thaxter and Sara Orne-Jewitt to discuss their lives and contributions to American literature, \$1, 2 p.m., Library Conference area, Haverhill campus; 978-556-3825.

Open house, Solomon Schechter Merrimack Valley will hold its Fall Open House and Back to School Night, 7 p.m., parents considering a Jewish day school experience for their children are encouraged to attend, 514 Main St., Haverhill; RSVP to 978-372-4140, or e-mail the school administrator, Trish Chapin, at tchapin@sdsdmsv.org.

Friday, October 24

Live music, the music department of Phillips Academy will present a piano recital featuring John Ferguson, 7:30 p.m., Timken Room at Graves Hall, Phillips Academy campus; 978-749-4995, music@andover.edu.

Storytelling, Katie Green will perform Halloween stories, free, 7:30 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 800-491-0143.

Andover High School varsity football game, Golden Warriors host Dracut High School, \$5 adults, \$3 students, seniors 7 p.m. kick-off, Eugene Lovely Field, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road;

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PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Andrea Shea Cirbee in her antique but updated 250-year-old kitchen on Lowell Street. Her home was once a stagecoach tavern and was named to the National Register of Historic Places nearly 40 years ago.

COOKING UP HISTORY

Peek into 8 historical kitchens

One-time tavern has the whiskey bottles to prove its heritage

By Judy Wakefield

IT'S A SECRET NOW, but organizers are hoping an upcoming tour of eight historic kitchens in Andover will become a hot topic.

The kitchen tour is meant to raise money for the Andover Historical Society, which is pairing it with a silent auction later in the day on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Organizers are hush-hush on the exact location of the eight kitchens being featured, saying only that the kitchens are scattered around town and offer a picture of what Andover life was like during various eras. They want the destinations unveiled for tour ticket holders on the day of the tour.

Judy Matulsky of the Andover Historical Society would only say that the eight kitchens include one that belonged to an Andover shoemaker in the early 1800s; another that once belonged to artist H. Winthrop Pierce in the early 1900s; and a Shawsheen brick home's historic kitchen features appliances from the 1930s.

An historic kitchen at 161 Lowell St., at the corner of Kirkland Circle, is also on the

tour. There, homeowner and fairly new resident of town Andrea Shea Cirbee, was happy to talk about her kitchen. She is a new historical society member and happily shared the history behind her kitchen.

She and husband Stephen Cirbee have been mixing the old with the new at their 250-year-plus-old home since they moved to Andover from Roanoke, Va. in July 2001.

Named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1966, the home was built around 1750 by Hermon Abbot. It was a stage coach tavern until the 1830s when the home was sold to the White family.

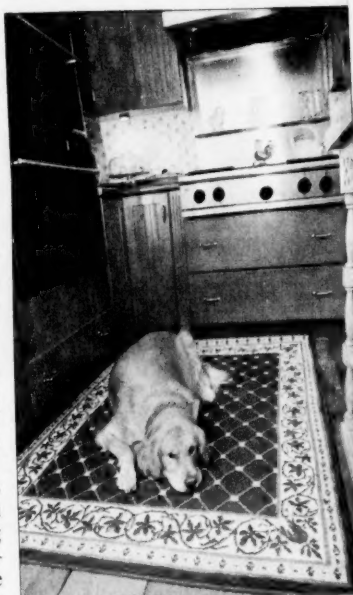
Empty whiskey bottles have turned up numerous times during restoration, leaving Andrea Cirbee often wondering about what life was like in her kitchen some 200 years ago.

"If only these walls could talk," laughs the outgoing new owner, as she points to an exposed beam in the kitchen that is missing a chunk. She says files at Andover Historical Society reveal the kitchen was once struck by lightning that knocked a pie of out the hand of Mrs. White as she was putting it in the oven.

"That's what I like so much about the historical society," she says. "I stopped by one day last June wondering if they had information on my house and they had a file. I think they are a great resource."

Besides that beam, the magnificent hearth, an original fireplace with a beehive brick oven, a wide-plank pine floor and an oversized porcelain farm sink, make this kitchen tour-worthy. Local history buffs applaud the Cirbees for protecting the kitchen's historical integrity, but Andrea Cirbee points out "being functional" was just as important to them when they redid the kitchen shortly after moving in.

They have four children – triplets Michael, Thomas and Jack, who are 9, and



How many is that in dog years? – The Cirbee family's golden retriever, Buffy, enjoys the warmth of the 250-year-old kitchen.

a daughter, Shea Marie, who is 8 – and a dog and guinea pigs, so the kitchen also needed to be family-friendly.

"I mean, I need lots of space for grocery shopping alone. You should see all of the bags," says Cirbee.

"We go through nine gallons of milk each week," she says. "And, I love to cook."

As a result, while the giant, old kitchen fireplace works, the family opted not to have wood burning in the room with young children coming and going. Instead, they installed a wood stove in the fireplace.

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KITCHEN TOUR FUNDRAISER for Andover Historical Society featuring 8 Andover kitchens

Saturday, Nov. 1

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$20

RECEPTION, SILENT AUCTION follows at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Cost is \$22; combined ticket for tour and reception is \$35



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Sierra Heneghan, a second-grader at Sanborn School, is ready for Sanborn's Spooky Fun Fair, a fundraiser for the school's PTO to be held this Saturday, Oct. 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. Sierra says she will go as "a little hairy guy." The public is welcome to bring children of all ages to enjoy games, activities, food, a haunted house, face painting, glow-in-the-dark golf, and other activities. Children are encouraged to wear costumes. The cost is \$20 for a Pumpkin Pass, which has 44 tickets good for all games and crafts, or \$15 for a Ghost Pass, which has 20 tickets. For more information, call Amy Riemer at 978-475-4441.

HALLOWEEN CALENDAR

Thursday, Oct. 23

Halloween happening, Victorian Park's, *Haunted Mansion and Forbidden Forest*, eerie walk and through the Forbidden Forest and a frightening tour of the Haunted Mansion, 6:30 p.m. \$14, 350 North Broadway, Salem, N.H.; 603-898-1803.

Trick or treat, candy, games and more, Pines of Tewksbury, 2580 Main St., Tewksbury; 978-675-0800.

Friday, Oct. 24

Storytelling, Storyteller Katie Green will preform Halloween stories, free, 7:30 p.m., ages 8 and up, Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

Tour, *Legacy of the Hanging Judge*, tour the Nathaniel Hawthorne's birthplace as it transforms into a prosecutor's chamber, costumed interpreters bring visitors on a tour, \$12, 7:30-9:30 p.m., shows begin every 5 minutes, 54 Turner St., Salem; 978-744-0991.

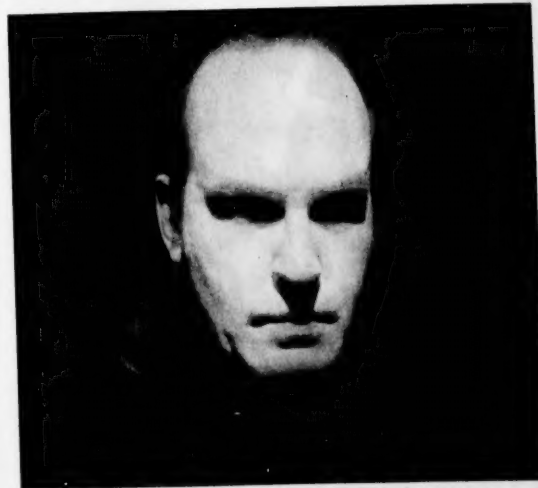
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Legacy of the Haunted Mansion and Forbidden Forest, see Oct. 23 entry.

Saturday Oct. 25

Pumpkin Pals and Spooky Stories, sponsored by Andover Historical Society come in costume and bring a carved jack-o-lantern and candle, guests

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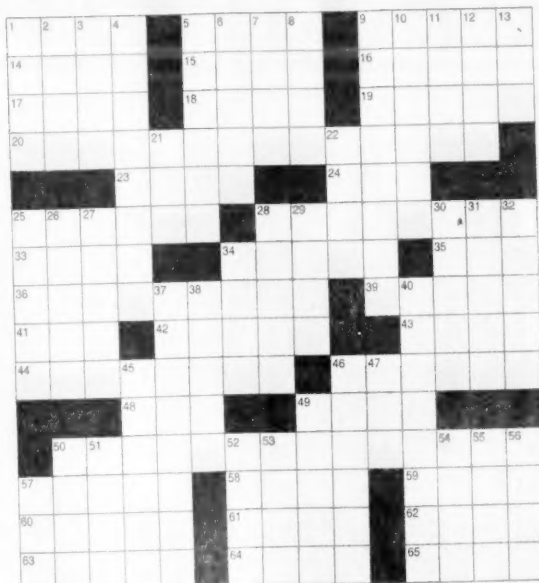


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CLUES ACROSS

1. A way to fix firmly
5. Humanistic discipline
9. Give out
14. Pier, side of porch
15. Short high tone produced as a signal or warning
16. Nigerian monetary unit
17. Monetary unit of Iran
18. At some prior time
19. Below deck
20. Pilgrim home
23. Grayish-brown eagle
24. God of sky (Scandinavian)
25. Diminished
28. In a way, wards off an attack against
33. Gael, for one
34. Athapaskan language
35. Expresses surprise
36. Sorghum
39. The largest city in Africa
41. They ____
42. Heron genus
43. The second letter of the Greek alphabet
44. Heedlessness
46. Too much noise
48. A lyric poem with complex stanza forms
49. Root of taro plant
50. Intrigue
57. Larceny
58. Part of O. Henry story title



59. Swiss river
60. Zellweger
61. Maslany (Scottish)
62. Small slender gull
63. Chamois of the Pyrenees
64. Totals
65. One of the coasts

CLUES DOWN

1. Stringed musical instrument
2. A blue dye
3. Type of brace
4. Fan palm
5. Be plentiful
6. Annual income (French)
7. High ____
8. Type of first draft
9. Type of mind
10. Pakistani city
11. Big cat
12. Paris airport
13. Small amount
21. Mined mineral
22. Native American people
25. Mongol emperor of India
26. Yogi ____
27. Purgative leaves
28. Whittles
29. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
30. Foreman
31. Soviet city
32. A group of fish
34. Turfs
37. In a way, assigned
38. Brook
40. A way to get rid of
45. Dancer
46. In a way, flows
47. Oklahoma town
49. Capable of wounding
50. Home (French)
51. A Russian river
52. Siberian river
53. Aromatic ointment
54. Mother of Cronus
55. Strays
56. Torn apart as if by wind or lightning or explosive
57. Denotes three

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Dance. Irish step-dancing, tap and clogging. Dancing on Common Ground, \$20-\$22, 7:30 p.m., Rogers Center, Merrimack College; 978-873-5355, www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

Live music. Lawrence Cultural Alliance is sponsoring a Sock Hop, \$10, 8 p.m. to midnight, Claddagh Pub, Function Room, 300 Canal St., Lawrence; 978-686-6679.

Art reception. Essex Art Center's Annual Juried Show, Andover artists include David Cugnasca, Diane Grieco, Mary Jo Griffin, Tamara Krendel, David Phaneuf, Thea Shapiro, Mark Tower, Emily Trespass, Rob Wilke; free, 5-8 p.m., Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343.

Arts Alive - Open Studios. reception free, 5-8 p.m. more than 20 artists exhibiting painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, limited edition iris prints, faux finishing, jewelry and more; ongoing workshops, live music, children's crafts corner and refreshments. Andover exhibiting artists include Greg Welch, Susan Seifer, Julieanne Ring, and Helen Thornburn, 60 Island St., Lawrence; Julieanne Ring 978-682-2478, or Julieanne-ringphoto.com.

Open studios. Off Broadway Studios and Gallery, annual art show

and sale, Andover artists include: Shane Crabtree, Diane Grieco, Peg Harrigan, Karen Harris, Fran McCormick, Nancy Redding, Mark Shorr, Emily Trepas, Karen Herman, Robert Wilke, Thayer Zader and former Andover Historical Society curator Tom Edmonds, free, 5-8 p.m., 397 Methuen St., Lawrence; 978-470-2671.

Live comedy. Jim Colliton, Greg Rodrigues, Tim Kaelin, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Theater. Trinitarian Neighborhood Theater presents *Godspell*, \$10, \$8.50 seniors and children under 12, 8 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; 978-686-4445.

Live music. Bonepony, 8 p.m., \$7-\$10, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music. Imagine Studios present Rhonda Vincent & the Rage with Harvey Reid and Joyce Anderson, \$16-18, 7:30 p.m., half price for children under 14, Amesbury Middle School, 222 Main St., Amesbury; 978-834-0367, www.imaginestudios.org.

Theater. Nick & Zita's *Funny Fat Greek Wedding*, sponsored by the Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Andover, 6:30 p.m., Jimmy's IV, 147 Princeton Boulevard, North Chelmsford at 6:30 p.m., for ticket information 978-256-8141.

Open studios. Lowell Artists Open Studios, free, noon-5 p.m., downtown Lowell; 978-446-7244, www.cultureiscool.org.

Live music. Distant Relatives, 21+, \$5, doors open 9 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-1063, www.evosarts.com.

Saturday, October 25
Opening reception, *Two Voices*.

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Cooking up history

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free, 6-9 p.m., Alpers Fine Art, 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013, www.alpersfineart.com.

Attic Treasures Yard Sale, Christ Church annual yard sale, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Christ Church, 25 Central St.; 978-475-0529.

Tryouts, Andover Boys Travel Basketball team tryouts, grades 7 and 8, 8:30-10 a.m.; grades 5 and 6 10:15-11:45 a.m., Andover High Field House; Joe Iarrobino 978-474-0523.

Live music, "REV" introduces a new CD "Nothing to Lose," \$10, \$5 12 and under, 7:15 p.m., doors open, music 8 p.m., proceeds benefit Lawrence Habitat for Humanity, North Parish Hall, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; 978-688-6291.

Live music, family concert by Red Grammer, \$10, family pack \$35, 2 p.m., Rogers Center, Merrimack College; 978-873-5355, www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

Poetry, Robert Frost Festival honors poetry in Lawrence Schools, 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Parthum School, Main Auditorium, Lawrence; for event information call 978-725-8828, www.frostfoundation.org.

Live comedy, Jim Colliton, Greg Rodrigues, Tim Kaelin, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live music, two shows, Aine Minogue, \$10-\$12, 7 p.m., Swinging Steaks, \$7, 10 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music, Invasion, 21+, \$5, doors open 9 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-1063, www.evosarts.com.

Information meeting, St John's Preparatory School is holding an admission information session for prospective students and families, 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., 72 Spring St., Danvers; 978-744-1050 Ext. 304.

Auction, Cruise theme benefit auction, silent auction, 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., live auction 9 p.m., \$20, Our Lady of Nazareth Academy, 14 Winship Drive, Wakefield; 781-592-5022.



Red Grammer

Meeting, League of Women Voters of Massachusetts Conference, free, (there is a charge for lunch, reservation required), *Fixing Our Broken Health Care System*, panel discussion, afternoon workshop, Renaissance Bedford Hotel, Bedford; 617-523-2999, lwvma@lwvma.org.

Arts Alive - Open Studios, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., see Oct 24 entry.

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Off Broadway Studios and Gallery, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., see Oct 24 entry.

Lowell Artists Open Studios, noon-5 p.m., see Oct 24 entry.

Godspell, see Oct. 24 entry.

Sunday, October 26

Artist reception, Ellen Sullivan Tay-

lor, 3-5 p.m., Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, Newburyport Art Association; 978-465-8769.

Presentation, Marland Place and Gentiva Health Services presents a talk on depression, free, 6:30 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.; 978-475-4225.

Performance, featuring Linda Grey Kelley, free, 2 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

Live music, Fall Jazz Series, Barbara and Al Boudreau Jazz Quartet featuring Jack Senior and Mark Carlsen, 5-9 p.m., reservations recommended, Ipswich Bar and Grill, Ipswich; 978-356-7006.

Arts Alive - Open Studios, noon-5 p.m., see Oct 24 entry.

Off Broadway Studios and Gallery, noon-5 p.m., see Oct 24 entry.

Monday, October 27

Discussion, Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein and Myrna Schoen, pre-school director, will lead part two of *Talking to Our Kids About Loss, God, and Evil*; 9:15 a.m., on God and Nov. 3 on *Evil*; Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, discussion is open to people of all faiths; 978-470-1563.

Tuesday, October 28

Reception, Quota International Library, will hold a membership reception, 7-8:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Memorial Hall

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Just in time for Halloween weekend, Norman George stars in "Poe Alone: The Last Appeal" at the Lowell High School auditorium. George plays Poe on Sunday, Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. in a free, two-act solo stage performance based on the last American appearance of the poet and short-story writer, two weeks before his death in 1849. Call 978-454-7979 for more information.

HALLOWEEN CALENDAR

■ SPOOKY STORIES AT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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can decorate a trick-or-treat bag, listen to spooky stories in the barn, meet characters from the past while trick-or-treating in the house and barn, \$5, \$3 for Historical Society members, 2-5 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Sanborn School's Spooky Fun Fair, 4-8 p.m., the public is welcome to bring children of all ages to enjoy games, activities, food, a haunted house, face painting, glow-in-the-dark golf and more; children encouraged to wear costumes; cost is \$20 for Pumpkin Pass (44 tickets that are good for all games and crafts), or \$15 for a Ghost Pass (20 tickets good for all games and crafts); event is a fundraiser for Sanborn's PTO; Amy Riemer 978-475-4441.

Children's Haunted Playground, \$3 kids 12 and under, \$4 ages 13 to adult, 5:30-9 p.m., Clarke Park, Burroughs Road, North Reading, directly across from Shaw's Plaza on Route 28, shuttle will operate from Shaw's Plaza, kids wear costumes, costume contest with prizes at 6 p.m., food, drinks, real gravestone rubbings, ghoulish decorations plentiful, guided tours featuring spooky skits start at 6:45 p.m., tour appropriate for ages 3 to 10 but all ages welcome; Janet 978-664-1776.

Haunted Mansion and Forbidden Forest, see Oct. 23 entry.

Legacy of the Hanging Judge, see Oct. 24 entry.

Spirits of the Gables, see Oct. 24 entry.

Sunday Oct. 26

Live music, Andover Chamber Music Series presents its annual Halloween Concert, Camille Saint-Saens *Carnival of the Animals*, \$10, under 15 \$8, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-474-6222, www.andoverchambermusic.org.

Haunted Mansion and Forbidden Forest, see Oct. 23 entry.

Monday Oct. 27

Haunted Mansion and Forbidden Forest, see Oct. 23 entry.

Tuesday Oct. 28

Haunted Mansion and Forbidden Forest, see Oct. 23 entry.

Wednesday Oct. 29

Haunted Mansion and Forbidden Forest, see Oct. 23 entry.

Thursday Oct. 30

Musical thriller, Hope Light Opera House presents *Sweeney Todd the Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, \$15, 8 p.m., recommended for ages 13 and older, Adams Memorial Opera House, 29 W. Broadway St., Derry, N.H.; 603-437-0505.

Haunted Mansion and Forbidden Forest, see Oct. 23 entry.

Friday Oct. 31

Halloween

Andover Trick or Treat, Andover selectmen set the official trick-or-treat hours in town as 5 to 7:05 p.m.

Annual Halloween Spectacular, featuring over 30 artists from Lowell, Chelmsford, Dracut, Boston, Cambridge, Somerville and beyond, DJs all night long, video artists, performance artists, dancing, two bars, art and merchandise for sale, 21+/\$5, 8 p.m., Evos, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-1063, www.evosart.com.

Haunted Mansion and Forbidden Forest, see Oct. 23 entry.

Legacy of the Hanging Judge, see Oct. 24 entry.

Spirits of the Gables, see Oct. 24 entry.

Sweeney Todd the Demon Barber of Fleet Street, see Oct. 30 entry.

Ongoing

Theater, the Valley Players presents a freely adapted version of Braum Stoker's novel, *Dracula*, by William R. Brooks Jr., through Nov. 2, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6:30 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., prices from \$15-37, special performances Oct. 28-31, \$10, the Amesbury Playhouse, Dinner Theatre Function Room, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444.

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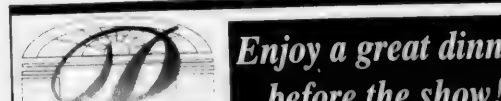
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Second tryouts, Andover Boys Travel Basketball Team tryouts, grades 5 and 6, 6 p.m.; grades 7 and 8, 7:45 p.m., Andover High Field House; Joe Iarrobino 978-474-0523

Theater opening, West Side Story, North Shore Music Theatre, \$26-\$63, 8 p.m., tickets can be purchased by calling the box office 978-232-7200, www.nsmto.org or in person at 62 Dunham Road (Route 128 exit 19), Beverly

Live music, Ricardo Monzon Quartet, 55, 7:30 p.m., Roma Restaurant, 29 Middlesex St., Bradford; 978-374-8001

Wednesday, October 29

Blood drive, appointment required, Andover High School Field House, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., stop by Andover High School main office or call 978-623-8650 for appointment.

Open house, the Mother Connection, a non-profit organization for mothers and families, will hold an informal gathering for anyone interested in finding out more about the organization. Learn about playgroups, adventures, workshops and more, free, 7-8:30 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; Kristine 978-738-0443

Mass of Rededication and Reconciliation, 7 p.m., this special liturgy will be hosted by the Greater Lawrence Voices of the Faithful to commemorate their one-year

anniversary as a local affiliate and to rededicate themselves to the mission of VOTF, all Catholic faithful in the greater Lawrence area are invited to attend, dessert reception will follow, St. Michael's Parish in North Andover; 978-681-1097.

Lecture, The American Painting Market: a Historical Perspective by vice president and curator of American Paintings, Sotheby's NY, reception to follow, 7 p.m., Robert Lehman Art Center, Brooks School, 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232

Networking, WIND, networking for underemployed professionals, will hold its regular weekly meeting, program will feature "Structured Networking," 9:15 a.m.-noon, Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St. (Route 62), Wilmington; www.windnetworking.net

Workshop, WIND director Fred Nothnagel will present a workshop "Evaluating and Negotiating Offers," \$40 members, \$49 non-members, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St. (Route 62), Wilmington; www.windnetworking.net

Thursday, October 30

Lecture, Northern Essex Community College's Life Long Learning Program, presents Betsy Williams, owner of "The Proper Season" an herb business in Andover will discuss herbs, 1, 2 p.m., Library Conference area, Haverhill campus; 978-556-3825.

Live music, Monster Mike Welch and Barry Anderson, 8 p.m., \$10, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell;

978-453-5755.

Friday, October 31

Live comedy, Stephanie Peters, Bob Niles, Tom Morelo, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live music, Tony Bird, 8 p.m., \$10-\$12, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Halloween events - See calendar on page 9 and at right.

Saturday, November 1

Book signing, Kathi Doble will sign her book *Pilot Mom*, Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

Tastes and Treasures, the Andover Historical Society is hosting a fundraiser, tour eight private kitchens of Andover 10 a.m.-4 p.m., evening reception, silent auction, music and more, 7:30-9:30 p.m., tickets for the kitchen tour \$20, reception and silent auction \$22, combination \$35; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Country fair, crafts and more, lunch available, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St.; 978-475-0166.

Live music, the Grace Sisters will be performing a Gospel Concert, tickets at the door \$12, \$8 seniors and students, 7:30 p.m., refreshments following concert, Ballardvale United Church; 978-475-2506.

Live music, Opera, Dido, and Aeneas, presented by the Treble Chorus of New England, \$10-\$12, 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5461.

Live comedy, Stephanie Peters, Bob Niles, Tom Morelo, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Craft fair, the Mother Connection's annual craft fair, crafts and products from local vendors activities for children, proceeds benefit the Mother Connection, Inc., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters Street, North Andover; Paula 978-474-0925.

Live music, Middlesex Community College's fall concert series A World of Music presents Alice Grove & Co., free, 7:30 p.m., MCC Theater, 5 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; 781-280-3923.

Live music, two shows, Groovely, \$10-\$12, 7 p.m., The Devines, \$5, 10 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Theater, the Valley Players presents a freely adapted version of Braum Stoker's novel, *Dracula*, \$15-\$7, 8 p.m., Amesbury Playhouse, Dinner

'Fences' at Phillips Academy

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THE AWARD-WINNING Weston Playhouse Theatre Co. is bringing August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama *Fences* to audiences throughout Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Local performances of *Fences* can be seen next weekend, Oct. 30 and 31, at the Tang Theatre on the Phillips Academy campus.

The first Broadway play ever to win all five "Best Play" honors (Pulitzer Prize, Tony Award, NY Drama Critics Circle, Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk Award), *Fences* is the story of Troy Maxson, a black man in the turbulent 1950s whose failed dream to become a professional ball player alienates him from his athlete son.

Chosen by Time/CNN as one of America's best artists, playwright August Wilson has been at work for nearly a quarter century on a series of plays documenting the lives of black

Americans during each decade of the 20th century. Those plays include Ma Rainey's *Black Bottom*, *The Piano Lesson* and his latest, *Gem of the Ocean*, which opened at Chicago's Goodman Theatre before traveling to LA's Mark Taper Forum. *Fences* remains his most popular work; the original Broadway production starring James Earl Jones grossed more than any non-musical in history. Critic Clive Barnes hailed the play as "the strongest, most passionate American dramatic writing since Tennessee Williams."

"August Wilson is one of the hottest playwrights in America," comments Weston Playhouse producing director Steve Stettler, "and we are honored to be producing the (local) premiere of his most celebrated work." Wilson is, in fact, very much in the news. The screenplay of *Fences* is set to be produced by Scott Rudin (*The Hours*), and Minneapolis'

Penumbra Theatre and New York's Signature Theatre each plan to devote an entire season exclusively to the playwright's work. Wilson has also begun to tread the boards himself, appearing in his new one-man play at the famed Seattle Repertory Theatre.

The Weston Playhouse touring performances of *Fences* will play at the Tang Theatre at Phillips Academy on Oct. 30 and 31 at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now in the Tang Lobby for \$5. The box office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling 978-749-4433; however, tickets must be picked up no later than 15 minutes before the show.

Local performances are supported in part by a grant from the Abbot Academy Association. For further tour information, visit the Weston Playhouse web site at www.westonplayhouse.org.

Theatre Function Room, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444.

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Tour, a fine and decorative arts tour of the Phillips House, free, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 34 Chestnut St., Salem; 978-744-0440.

Sunday, November 2

Live music, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, \$15, seniors and students \$10, children \$5, 2:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-372-8237, www.mvpmusic.org.

Theater, the annual Moses Greeley Parker Lecture Series presents Norman George in *Poe Alone, The Last Appeal*, free, 2 p.m., Lowell High

School Auditorium, 50 Fr. Morrisette Blvd., Lowell; 978-454-7979.

Craft show, Crafters LTD Holiday Craft Show, \$2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., bring a donation of a non-perishable food for the Chelmsford Food Pantry and receive half off admission price, Radisson Hotel, Route 110 and Alpine Lane, Chelmsford; 978-251-0551.

Theater, Discovery Series presents *The Star Keeper* a puppet show produced by Theater de l'Oeil, \$10, 2 and 4 p.m., Durgin Hall, 35 Wilder St., UMass Lowell South Campus; 978-934-4444.

Live music, Fall Jazz Series, Barbara and Al Boudreau Jazz Quartet featuring Jack Senier and Mark Carlsen, 5-9 p.m., reservations recommended, Ipswich Bar and Grill, Ipswich; 978-356-7006.

Dracula, 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., see Nov. 1 entry.

Ongoing Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art. Fred Wilson: *Objects and Installations, 1979-2000*, through Nov. 9; Stephen Greene: *Painter and Mentor*, through Jan. 4; and *Chance Encounters: (Un)selected works from the Addison Collection*, through Nov. 9; gallery hours Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.,

Sunday 1-5 p.m., Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015 www.addisongallery.org.

Andover Historical Society, artist Doug Johnson: exhibit *Lucy's Acre: A Place in Time*, tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century, Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, Two Voices through Nov. 30, gallery hours; Wednesday and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody, displays ethnographic objects from the museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Essex Art Center, Oct. 24 through Dec. 12, Main Gallery Annual Juried Show; Elizabeth Beland

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Gallery, Kelly Kaczynski Installation, Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343.

McCoy Gallery, through Nov. 21, artist Steven Careau's exhibit "Façons" works on paper and in metal. Merrimack College; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Brush Art Gallery, *A Survey of Paintings by Tom Gill*, through Nov. 2, gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819.

Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, Main Gallery, *Jan Staller: A Retrospective*, through Nov. 28; Emerging Artists Gallery, *Mustang: The Lost Tibetan Kingdom - photographs by Don Gurewitz*, Tuesday-Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., \$5 admission, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and First floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

McQuade Gallery, artist Cathy McLaurin, installations, sculptures and works on paper, Merrimack College, through Oct. 31 (in the McQuade Library), gallery hours Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; closed weekends in January; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Revolving Museum, through April 2, LocalMotive: Gallery Exhibit, indoor gallery space will be transformed into an interactive exhibit celebrating the wonders of the natural world. Audiences will be taken on a journey through a variety of innovative artworks that explore issues like pollution control and spirituality through nature, artist-driven museum, dedicated to presenting public art, exhibitions, educational programs, gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

Memorial Hall Library, Artist of the Month series features Merrimack Valley Quilters, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

Churchill Gallery, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:30-5:30 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport, 978-462-9891.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester; 978-463-8883.



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Tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 24 from 5 to 8 p.m., there will be a free art reception for Essex Art Center's Annual Juried Show, at 56 Island St., Lawrence. Andover artists include David Cugnasca, Diane Grieco, Mary Jo Griffin, Tamara Krendel, David Phaneuf, Thea Shapiro, Mark Tower, Emily Trespass and Rob Wilke. Call Essex Art Center at 978-685-2343.

Cape Ann Historical Museum, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

The Saltbox Gallery, cooperative of 21 artists from the North Shore, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 60 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769, www.newburyportart.org.

Mingo Gallery, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly 978-927-5964.

Nevins Memorial Hall, 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-686-4080.

Arlington Center for the Arts, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 41 Foster St., Arlington.

Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 136 State St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-431-4230.

Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

Bravos Arts Gallery, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., One East Main St., Georgetown; 978-352-8102.

Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 172 Middle St., Lowell; 978-970-3556 info@ayerlofts.com.

River Gallery, Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 4 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1559.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, through Oct. 29, paintings of Stephanie Roberts, gallery hours Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

Another Atmosphere, 120 Pleasant St., Newburyport; 978-462-8029.

Ocmulgee Pottery & Fine Crafts, gallery hours Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 26 Market St.,

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Crescent Dragon Gallery, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; www.galleryoni.homestead.com/1.html.

Walsingham Gallery, *Life's Splendor*, Oct. 18-Nov. 10, gallery hours: Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 47 Merrimac St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 www.thewalsinghamgallery.com.

North Shore Arts Association of Gloucester, featuring sculptures, paintings, Pirate's Lane, Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

Erlich Gallery, gallery hours Tuesday through Saturdays 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sunday noon-5 p.m., 96 Washington St., Marblehead; 781-631-1202.

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society, *Lucy's Acre: A Place in Time*, tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century. Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, \$5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or www.museumofprinting.org.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century. library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

American Textile History Museum, *Runway Madness: The Fashion Photography of Lucian Perkins*, 491 Dutton St., Lowell. Museum hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, and most holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed July 4; admission \$6 for adults; \$4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible; 978-441-0400 or www.athm.org.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell.

New England Quilt Museum, *Let it Shine: Improvisations in African-American Star Quilts* through Nov. 9, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-452-4207.

Lawrence Heritage State Park, open daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 794-1655.

Wenham Museum, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; 978-468-2377.

Custom House Maritime Museum, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday; 978-388-0162.

Phillips House Tours, Open May 24 through Oct. 31, Federal mansion tour, free, Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 34 Chestnut St., Salem; 978-744-0440.

Peabody Essex Museum, Oct. 17 through Feb. 1, *Vanished Kingdoms: The Wulsin Photographs of China, Tibet and Mongolia 1921-1925*, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., \$12 adults, \$10 seniors \$8, students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem; 978-745-9500, 866-745-1876, www.pem.org.

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House of Seven Gables, Open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m., extended hours until 7 p.m., through October, \$10 (2 for 1 admission for Essex County residents with proof of residency), 54 Turner St., Salem, 978-744-0991, www.7gables.org.

Theater

Le Grande David and his Spectacular Magic Company, Sundays 3 p.m., \$18, \$12 children 11 and under, Cabot St. Cinema Theater, 286 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-3677.

Stones in his Pockets, Oct. 9-26, Wednesdays and Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays 8 p.m., Saturdays 4 and 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m., \$16-\$32, Stoneham Theater, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200, www.stonehamtheatre.org.

Boy Gets Girl, Oct. 23 through Nov. 16, Merrimack Repertory Theater Liberty Hall, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell. A variety of season-ticket packages as well as single tickets ranging in price from \$23 to \$39 are available through the box office at 978-454-3926.

West Side Story, Oct. 28 through Nov. 23, North Shore Music Theatre, Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. (except November 4 at 7 p.m.); matinees Wednesday, Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., North Shore Music Theater \$26-\$63, 8 p.m., tickets can be purchased by calling the box office 978-232-7200, www.nsmto.org or in person at 62 Dunham Road (Route 128, exit 19), Beverly.

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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

Tournament time for varsity teams

By Rick Harrison

Andover High varsity sports teams were generally successful as regular season play wound down, or concluded, and they all geared up for imminent MIAA Tournament games, meets and matches.

GIRLS SOCCER

The Andover High girls varsity soccer team clinched another Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 championship recently, edging Central Catholic 2-1 for the second time this season to nail down its 13th title in 18 years.

The Lady Warriors had some help from former standout player Anne Marmaro's Chelmsford squad, which upset second-place Billerica 2-0 to knock the Indians out of contention.

However, Marmaro's revitalized team then beat Andover 2-1 Tuesday night at Lovely Field on a goal by MVC scoring leader Jenna Tulley with just 20 seconds to play.

AHS also dropped a recent 2-1 non-league decision to North Andover under the lights at Alva G. Hayes Stadium.

In earlier action, AHS saw its dreams of an undefeated season shattered by south shore power and nemesis Notre Dame Academy of Hingham which registered a hard-fought 2-1 victory over the Lady Warriors under the lights at Lovely Field.

In a crucial MVC first-place showdown against Billerica, prior to the Chelmsford loss, Andover battled the host Indians to a 0-0 standoff.

Those mixed results left AHS at 12-3-2 overall, including 9-1-2 in the conference. Billerica fell to 8-2-2 in the conference.

Schedule

Regular season play concludes with the MVC finale tonight at home versus Methuen (7 p.m.), and the non-league rematch Saturday at Notre Dame Academy of Hingham (noon).

Tonight is also the annual Senior Night, with the team's 12 seniors and their parents to be recognized at special pre-game ceremonies.

Lovely Field is the site of the annual MVC All-Star Games this Sunday after noon, with the girls playing at 1 p.m. and the boys at 3 p.m. At presstime it was not known who would represent Andover.

Tournament pairings

The Division 1 North Tournament pairings are scheduled for release next Wednesday.

The Andover girls should be seeded among the top five and should get at least one home game.

Leading scorers

Through 17 games ultra-talented sharp shooter Jackie Powers led the attack with 17 goals and seven assists for 24 points.

Emily Pallotta is next in line with six goals and nine assists, while Erica Weeks has six goals, four assists and Jen Hagopian five goals, four assists.

Lothrop sidelined

Senior defender Jeannie Lothrop turned in an excellent performance in her final game against Notre Dame Academy of Hingham.

The standout has been diagnosed with mononucleosis and will have to sit out the remainder of the season.

Andover ranked

Earlier this month the Lady Warriors cracked the national Top 25 rankings in *USA Today*.

Andover, undefeated at the time, stood at No. 23 in the country until it dropped back out of the listing following the losses to NDA-Hingham and North Andover.

Chelmsford 2 Andover 1

This heartbreaking loss, to a team Andover whacked 4-1 earlier this month, was decided with 20 seconds left in the 80-minute game.

Senior forward Jenna Tulley, who notched her 100th career point earlier this season, took a through pass from Elise Gallagher and went 1-on-1 with an AHS defender.

Using her body to shield the ball from the defender, Tulley moved in close and poked a shot into the far lower corner of the net.

The Lady Warriors had taken a 1-0 half-time lead when Amanda Carlson scored with 30 seconds left, the assist credited to Christie Spang.

The slender advantage held up until Lions' sophomore forward Ashley Hansbury converted a Tulley pass 13 minutes into the second half.

That set the stage for Tulley's last-minute heroics, as Chelmsford improved to 8-3-1 in MVC 1 and 9-5-1 overall.

"We had some dings and bruises earlier in the season that contributed to our slow start," said former AHS star player and Chelmsford coach Anne Marmaro.

"Tonight I couldn't single anyone out. Everyone stepped up and played well. They had to for us to beat a team of Andover's caliber."

AHS goalkeeper Micaela Smith finished with 13 saves and Chelmsford's Allison Wellman made seven stops.

North Andover 2 Andover 1

The Lady Warriors struck first, midway through the opening half, when Jen Hagopian scored off a hard-working assist from Jackie Powers.

Powers brought the ball down the left wing side, cut across the end line and fed a pass to Hagopian at the near post for a flick shot that eluded the NA goalkeeper.

The Scarlet Knight (8-4-3) tied it just two minutes later, however, and netted the game-winner in the 20th minute of the second half.

The locals finished with a 14-5 shooting edge as Micaela Smith made three saves in net.

"We had two or three other great scoring chances in the first half, but their keeper played well (13 saves)," said coach Dick Loschi. "About half our shots were testers."

"Even though we outplayed them we really didn't look ready tonight," added Loschi. "We were slow to the ball and most of the time we were just spinning our wheels out there."

Andover 2 Central Catholic 1

Jackie Powers gave Andover a 1-0 lead at 21:00 of the first half, once again outrunning the defense to the ball after a through pass by sophomore midfielder Emily Pallotta.

Junior middle Brittany Monarty added what proved to be the winning goal at 3:30 of the final half, boosting the lead to 2-0 by depositing a low shot inside the far post.

Lindsey Timko notched the assist on the second goal with another through pass from the left wing side.

Central spoiled the shutout bid, and caused a few anxious moments, when it scored with just 1:20 left in the game.

"This was a good win against a difficult league opponent that is young and improving all the time," said coach Loschi. "They made us work very hard for the two points."

AHS goalkeeper Arianna Miliotis made two saves, and defensive standouts were

midfielder Amanda Carlson and defender Maura Daniels.

EARLIER GAMES NDA-Hingham 2 Andover 1

Notre Dame scored a pair of goals five minutes apart, late in the second half, to wipe out a 1-0 Andover lead in this battle of potential state championship contenders.

NDA (10-1-1) threw a defensive blanket over Lady Warriors' scoring machine Jackie Powers to help in the victory.

"They marked her close in the first half," said coach Dick Loschi. "We pulled Jackie back to midfield in the second half, to break up and counter what they were doing, and it worked until their two late goals."

Junior midfielder Michelle Pirro snapped the scoreless tie with her first goal of the season just 1:15 into the second half.

Capt. Erica Weeks notched the assist after booting a crossing pass to Pirro breaking in on the left side.

The slender 1-0 lead stood up until 29:04 when NDA's Amy Avitable tied it, and with six minutes left in the game a fine individual effort by the visitors' Jessica Haefner produced the winning goal.

Haefner received a pass with her back to the net, and in one motion turned quickly to her right and fired an accurate shot.

"It was a very athletic play," said Loschi. "Our keeper (Micaela Smith) had no chance."

Smith played the entire game and finished with two saves, while Notre Dame's Holly Sands made three stops in the defensive struggle.

Loschi lauded the defensive play of Jeannie Lothrop and Capt. Loyal Hannah.

"I guess you could say it was a game between North and South powers," noted Loschi. "The victory was there for the taking — but we just didn't get it."

"We haven't been able to break through against Notre Dame the last few years."

They've had our number."

The Lady Warriors have a second pre-tournament chance when the archrivals collide again in the regular season finale Oct. 25 in Hingham.

Andover 0 Billerica 0

Lady Warriors' goalkeeper Micaela Smith had to make just one save to record her second solo shutout and the team's fourth whitewash of the fall.

These two teams also tied the first time they met, 2-2, in the second game of the season.

Defensive standouts for the locals were Loyal Hannah and Mallory Jaracz.

"I felt we had total control and dominated the game from start to finish," said coach Loschi. "Billerica did not have a shot on net in the first half. We bottled them up and were on their side of the field 90 percent of the time."

"(Keeper Brett) Maron made two spectacular saves for them to preserve the tie."

The Indians also paid special attention to Jackie Powers and kept her off the board for the second straight game.

"They marked her all over the field," noted Loschi, whose team was shut out for the first time all season.

For Billerica, it was an impressive eighth shutout in the last nine games and 10th shutout overall.

"We call our defense the 'no-goal patrol' and we've allowed only one goal in the last nine games," said Billerica coach Tom Severo.

Maron was credited with five saves, and the BMHS skipper lauded the hustle of full-backs Alicia LeBlanc, Jenna Carideo, Michelle LaMar and forward Sydney Fitzpatrick.

Andover 2 Waltham 0

The last time these teams played soccer was in the Division 1 North Tournament quarterfinals in 2000, with Andover routing the undefeated and higher-seeded Hawks, 6-1, at Leary Field in Waltham.

This latest victory over the Lady Hawks, once again at Leary Field, kept AHS unbeaten against Waltham all-time with a perfect 6-0 mark.

"Waltham approached us for this game," said Loschi. "Their league did some realigning and they wanted a more challenging non-league schedule."

The locals scored a goal in each half, and held Waltham to a mere one shot on net, as they won the game played through intermittent rain on a slick-but-not-dangerous field.

"Waltham's performance was something of a surprise," said Loschi. "They were more physical than expected and they forced the play."

"Not that our control was ever threatened — but they made us work hard which is a good thing."

Erica Weeks netted the first goal at 6:40 of the opening half, taking a corner kick and watching as the ball bent (like Beckham) and curved over the keeper's head into the net.

It remained 1-0 until Jackie Powers scored her 14th with six minutes to play.

The insurance goal came off another patented foot race, as Meredith Johnson sent a pass deep into the Waltham end where Powers beat the Lady Hawks' defense to the ball.

Her hard shot nestled into the net in the lower right hand corner.

Micaela Smith chalked up her first solo shutout and the team's third of the season.

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Jenny Meltz of the Andover High girls swim and dive team competes against Methuen at the Greater Lawrence Technical School pool last Friday, Oct. 17. Andover beat Methuen, 99-76, to improve to 10-0 this season.

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FOOTBALL

Take notice: Warriors are winning big

By Rick Harrison

Don't look now, but the Andover High varsity football team is alone in second place in the Merrimack Valley Conference.

The Golden Warriors, a surprise to almost everyone but themselves, are 4-2 overall and 3-1 in conference play following a resounding 35-14 romp over Haverhill at Lovely Field.

Coach Ken Maglio's crew trails only three-time reigning champ Chelmsford (5-1, 4-0 MVC) in the standings.

If the locals can manage to run the table in their final four conference games, they would qualify for the Eastern Mass. Division 2 playoffs and be on the threshold of their first Super Bowl berth since 1975 — which completed an impressive string of three straight Bowl appearances and two state titles.

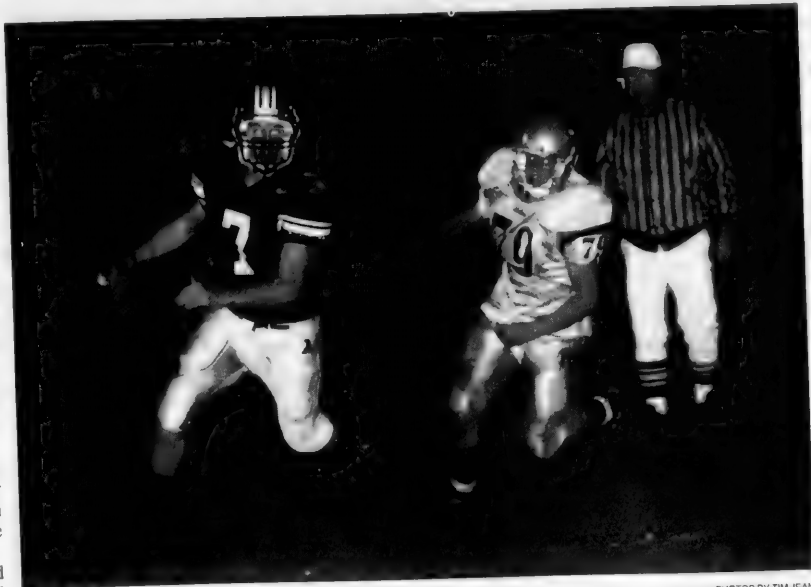
Assuming Andover can avoid looking past tomorrow night's opponent, Dracut, a potential first-place showdown with Chelmsford is looming on Nov. 7 at Lovely Field.

In between Dracut and Chelmsford is undefeated reigning New Hampshire State Division 2 titlist Exeter (Nov. 1). Staying healthy will be a prime concern when the locals travel to Eustis Field in Exeter to battle the Blue Hawks (7-0).

The final two regular season games are on the road at improving Billerica (2-4, 2-1 MVC), which edged Lowell 14-13 last weekend, and Thanksgiving morning at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Lawrence against Central Catholic (5-1).

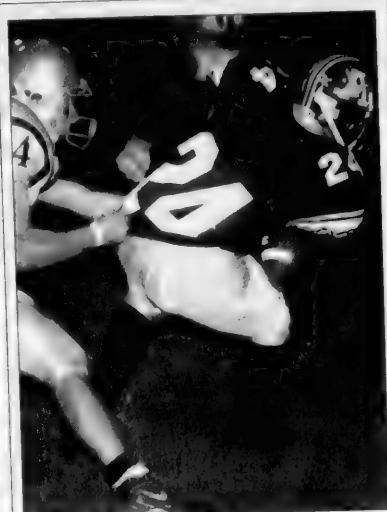
Central is a half-game behind Andover in the conference, at 2-1, and if both continue to win the Turkey Day showdown could be for the MVC title and playoff berth.

High-powered Andover, surpassing 30 points for the second straight game and fourth time this fall, once again dominated the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball and raced to a commanding 21-0 halftime lead



Quarterback Geoff Stevens (No. 7) evades a Haverhill defender under the lights at Lovely Field last Friday, Oct. 17. At right: Matt Hennessy (No. 24) pulls away from a Haverhill defender.

GAME SUMMARY



ANDOVER 35, HAVERHILL 14 at Lovely Field, Andover										
Haverhill	0	0	0	7	7	—	14			
Andover	14	7	0	14	—	—	35			
First Quarter										
A: Shaheen Ghandchi 51 run (Joel Keefe kick)										
A: Ghandchi 56 run (Keefe kick)										
Second Quarter										
A: Matt Hennessy 3 run (Keefe kick)										
Third Quarter										
H: T.J. Pare 1 run (Dale Whinnredge kick)										
Fourth Quarter										
A: Hennessy 5 run (Keefe kick)										
H: Andy Byron 1 run (Whinnredge kick)										
A: Geoff Stevens 2 run (Keefe kick)										
Team Statistics										
First Downs: Andover 12; Haverhill 12										
Rushes/Yards: Andover 35-217; Haverhill 24-15										
Passing: Andover 9-11-0, 98 yards; Haverhill 11-18-2, 229 yards										
Total Yards: Andover 315; Haverhill 244										
Fumbles/Lost: Andover 0-0; Haverhill 0-0										
Punts/Ave: Andover 3-34.3										
Penalties/Yards: Andover 8-66; Haverhill 1-5										
Scrimmage Plays: Andover 54; Haverhill 48										
Records: Andover 4-2, Haverhill 2-3										
Individual Statistics										
Rushing: A. Shaheen Ghandchi 10-151, 2 TDs; Matt Hennessy 13-72; Buddy Farnham 4-0; Geoff Stevens 8-(-6)										
Passing: A. Geoff Stevens 9-11-0, 98 yards; H. Andy Byron 11-18-2, 229 yards										
Receiving: A. Chris Vining 3-39; Dennis Collins 2-18; Buddy Farnham 2-12; Mike Muccio 1-20; Shaheen Ghandchi 1-9										
Interceptions: A. Shaheen Ghandchi 1; Buddy Farnham 1										
Fumble Recoveries: A. None										
Tackles: A. Nate Wiech 8; John Fox 8; Mike Muccio 6; Phil Perkins 6; Shaheen Ghandchi 3; Matt Martin 3; Matt Wolfman 3; Buddy Farnham 3; Brett Herlihy 2; Matt Hennessy 2; Jason Shoemaker 2; Larry Masse 2; Chris Fiorentino 1; Pardeep Thandi 1; Nick Morrisette 1; Kyle MacKenzie 1; Mike Brucato 1										
Sack By: A. Matt Wolfman 1										

MVC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	OVL	PF	PA
Chelmsford	4	0	5-1	123	58
ANDOVER	3	1	4-2	162	70
Central Catholic	2	1	5-1	118	56
Billerica	2	1	2-4	81	96
Lowell	2	2	4-2	123	68
Tewksbury	2	2	2-3	68	109
Haverhill	1	2	2-3	66	91
Dracut	0	3	3-3	126	94
Methuen	0	4	1-4	71	142

Results Last Weekend

ANDOVER 35, Haverhill 14
Billerica 14, Lowell 13
Chelmsford 35, Tewksbury 14
Central Catholic 35, Methuen 14
Dracut 28, Lawrence 7 (non-league)

Games Friday, 7 p.m.

Dracut at ANDOVER (Lovely Field)
Central Catholic at Lowell (Cawley Stadium)
Haverhill at Chelmsford (Simonian/Alumni Stadium)
Lawrence at Methuen, non-league (Nicholson Stadium)
Game Saturday, 1:30 p.m.
Billerica at Tewksbury (Doucette Field)

against Haverhill.

The locals were never in danger thereafter.

The unheard-of AHS defense completely stymied the Haverhill ground game, limiting the visitors to 15 net yards on 24 carries.

Keying the stop squad, which has allowed an average of only 11.7 points per game, were junior linebacker Nate Wiech and junior corner John Fox with eight tackles each.

Junior linebacker Mike Muccio (six tackles) and 270-pound tackle Phil Perkins (five) were all over the Haverhill ballcarriers as well.

The Hillies did have some success through the air, completing 11 passes for 229 yards, but sophomore free safety Buddy Farnham had his fifth interception of the season while Shaheen Ghandchi added a pick.

Utilizing their superior size and speed, the explosive Golden Warriors unleashed a devastating ground game that featured the fancy footwork of Ghandchi and Matt Hennessy.

Both running backs scored a pair of touchdowns, while quarterback Geoff Stevens added one TD and also completed 9-of-11 passes for 98 yards to set up several of the scores.

Placekicker Joel Keefe went 5-for-5 in PAT boots and now has 18 for the season. Ghandchi finished with a game-high 151 yards rushing, while Hennessy added 72 yards to surpass 600 for the season.

With the big horses like Perkins up front doing some ferocious blocking in the trenches, AHS wasted no time taking the lead as Ghandchi raced 51 yards for the first TD on the second play of the game.

A short time later, on just his second carry, Ghandchi broke loose again and sprinted 56 yards for six more points.

Early in the second quarter Hennessy joined the fun with a three yard TD plunge,

and Keefe's third conversion kick of the night made it 21-0.

Andover was knocking on the door again in the final minute of the first half, marching to the Hillies' five yard line before a sack set up a field goal try that missed connections.

The teams traded touchdowns in the second half, AHS keeping pace on a five yard run by Hennessy and a two yard dive by Stevens.

Haverhill scored twice on a pair of one-yard plunges by T.J. Pare and quarterback Andy Byron.

The Hillies, plagued by poor first halves all season, fell to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in conference play.

The Golden Warriors, whose last previous win over Haverhill was 41-22 in 1999, now own a 13-7-3 series edge since 1980.

Andover's balanced scoring is led by Buddy Farnham with 36 points while Stevens, Hennessy and Ghandchi have 30 points each, Keefe 18, Ben Newman 12 and Dennis Collins six.

Tomorrow night's game against Dracut has a 7 p.m. kickoff at Lovely Field.

If not taken seriously, the Middies have the potential to give any MVC opponent a tough time.

Dracut enters the game tied for last in the MVC with an 0-3 mark after losses to Lowell (21-13), Tewksbury (14-13) and Haverhill (20-7).

Dracut completely outplayed Lowell in the second half, without its top rusher and scorer Jon Schiripo, and nearly erased a 21-0 deficit.

The agonizing defeat to Tewksbury came when the Middies squandered a 13-0 lead, the winning points on a safety with 2:29 left after a center snap went over the Dracut punter's head and through the end zone.

Coach John Gibson's team is 3-3 overall with non-league wins over North Middlesex Regional (34-24), Middlesex League member Watertown (31-8) and Lawrence High (28-7).

Schiripo, although he missed one game (illness) and was less than 100 percent for two others, leads the Middies with seven TDs and 42 points. He also has 494 yards rushing including exactly 100 last weekend

against Lawrence.

Receiver/placekicker Matt Thomas has 32 points, including 12 PATs, and quarterback Tim Dillon has shown outstanding passing ability with eight TD tosses.

Thomas has three touchdown receptions and 6'4", 220-pound tight end Brian Frederick has two.

Six other players, including Dillon, have scored one touchdown each.

Andover edged Dracut 14-10 last fall and 28-21 two years ago.

Dracut last beat the Golden Warriors 20-0 in 2000, but AHS has won four of the last five games and holds a commanding 15-2-1 advantage in the last 18 games of the series.

AHS ROUNDUP

GIRLS SOCCER

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Cited for strong efforts were forward Allison Kerivan, midfielder Amanda Carlson and defender Loyal Hannah.

Andover 4
Methuen 2

Jackie Powers made it six two-goal games, as she netted the second goal and the eventual game-winner to spark the attack in the Tuesday afternoon game at Methuen.

Emily Pallotta broke the scoreless tie at 32:31 of the first half, arching a shot over the Rangers' goalkeeper and just inside the far post after taking a ground-ball crossing pass from Erica Weeks.

It remained 1-0 until Powers connected seven minutes into the second half, blasting a hard shot to the lower left corner following a right-wing crossing pass from Jen Hagopian.

Methuen (6-5-2) then came alive with consecutive goals at 13:16 and 26:07 to forge a 2-2 tie.

Three minutes later (29:04) Powers pocketed the clincher, gunning a 15-yard

shot to the top left corner after Meredith Johnson took a high ball out of the air and headed it to the AHS scoring machine.

Amanda Carlson added some insurance at 34:44, driving home a low shot from directly in front after Pallotta intercepted a Methuen clearing pass.

Arianna Miliotis played the entire game in net and finished with four saves.

Coach Loschi lauded the play of Maura Daniels, Johnson and Carlson.

"Daniels played her best defensive game of the season. We needed that, especially after Megan Finn hurt her ankle. We were already a player down with Mallory Jaracz away for one game," said Loschi.

"Johnson was a force all day in front of their net, and Carlson was all over the field making plays."

BOYS SOCCER

Capt. Tim Bengston scored his first hat trick of the season, and the team's second, while also setting up a fourth goal as the Andover High boys varsity soccer team

qualified for the Division 1 North Tournament with a recent 4-0 whitewash of Chelmsford at Lovely Field.

It was the fourth time this fall the Golden Warriors have beaten an opponent by four or more goals.

Bengston had another goal on Tuesday afternoon, and Jarrett Mackin netted the game-winner, as the locals continued their fine play heading into the MIAA Tournament with a 2-1 squeeze past Central Catholic in Windham, N.H.

Those victories lifted AHS to 10-5-1 overall, including 7-4-1 in Merrimack Valley Conference play, and the locals are 7-1-1 in their last nine games.

Andover has now qualified for the tournament 23 of the last 27 years.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors wrap up regular season play tonight at Dracut (7 p.m.).

Lovely Field is also the site of the annual MVC All-Star Games this Sunday afternoon, with the girls playing at 1 p.m. and the boys at 3 p.m. At presstime it was not known who would represent Andover.

Tournament pairings

The Division 1 North Tournament pairings are scheduled for release next Wednesday.

The Andover boys will probably be on the road for all their games in the single-elimination tourney.

Leading scorers

Tim Bengston leads AHS through 16 games with 13 goals and 12 assists for 25 points.

Jarrett Mackin has 10 goals and five assists. Brian Thompson eight goals and three assists. Greg Spurr two goals, six assists and Vasil Kostakis three goals, two assists.

Andover 2
Central Catholic 1

Tim Bengston opened the scoring 15 minutes into the game, taking a through pass from junior midfielder Greg Spurr and getting behind the Central defense before firing a shot into the CCHS net.

The host Raiders' Sean Bakhtiari tied it 1-1 on a penalty kick late in the opening

half.

Jarrett Mackin, with some unexpected help from an official, broke the deadlock by netting the deciding goal in the second half.

The ball glanced off a referee who was standing on the end line, bouncing to Mackin who then fired home his 10th goal of the season.

"We're doing what we have to do to win," said AHS coach Mike Wartman. "We played fairly well in this game and we continue to come together as a team."

Golden Warriors' goalkeeper Pat Twomey finished with eight saves, while Central's Matt Guessetto made nine stops.

Coach Wartman also cited the strong defensive efforts of stopper Tyler Hopkins, sweeper Tim Dugan and midfielder Ash Edmonds.

Andover had also edged Central by the same 2-1 score earlier this month.

Andover 4
Chelmsford 0

AHS, which also blanked Chelmsford 3-0 earlier in the season, did all its scoring in

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AHS ROUNDUP

BOYS SOCCER

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the first half with four goals at approximate five-minute intervals.

Tim Bengston opened the scoring with the first of his three tallies, assisted by Jarrett Mackin, and the pair reversed roles five minutes later to make it 2-0.

Bengston added two more goals, the first unassisted and the second on a penalty kick, to complete the scoring.

Goalkeeper Pat Twomey made four saves for his fourth solo shutout and the team's seventh.

"It was Senior Night (final home game) and fittingly seniors (Bengston, Twomey, Mackin) led the way," said coach Wartman.

"We beat Chelmsford to the ball the whole night. Our players are looking for each other more often in recent games. The field awareness is improving and so is the shooting accuracy."

Wartman also lauded the play of seniors Alex Toyoda, center-midfielders Ash Edmonds and Alex Foley, outside midfielders Ryan D'Angelo and Vin Ermo, stopper Mike Kichrowsky and forward Greg Morissette.

The senior players and their parents, each of whom received flowers, were honored at the game.

GOLF

The Andover High golf team wrapped up its 2003 season with a big win over powerhouse Central Catholic, and an eighth-place finish at the annual Division 1 North Sectional Championship earlier this week at Beverly Golf & Tennis Club.

The Golden Warriors ended the regular season on a high note by handing two-time reigning Merrimack Valley Conference champ Central Catholic its first and only loss in the league, 10 1/2 to 9 1/2, at Indian Ridge CC.

AHS also lost an 11 1/2 to 8 1/2 decision to Tewksbury, completing the campaign with a winning 9-7 overall record.

The locals were undefeated at Indian Ridge with a perfect 8-0 mark, while away from home they were 1-7 with the only road win against Methuen.

MVC Individuals

Andover's top two players, senior Capt. Jason Edelstein and freshman Colin Brennan, represented the Golden Warriors at the annual MVC Individual Championship today at Trull Brook Golf Club in Tewksbury.

The duo will be part of an 18-player field, two golfers from each of the nine conference teams, who will square off in an 18-hole medal play tourney.

The first group tees off at 11 a.m.

DIVISION 1 NORTH SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Golden Warriors finished with 343 strokes, the team total determined by compiling the four low individual scores among the six participating players from each school.

Low man for AHS over the 18-hole medal-play distance was freshman Colin Brennan with an 82, followed by Capt.

Jason Edelstein at 86, junior Jon Yost 86 and junior Brian Ketele 89.

The cutoff for next Monday's State Individual Championship at Sterling CC was 80, so no Andover golfer advanced.

The top four teams among the 12 qualifiers in the Sectional field moved ahead to the State Team Championships next Monday, those four being Peabody (320), St. John's Prep of Danvers (325), Newton North (327) and Waltham (335).

Others finishing ahead of AHS were Lowell (337), Lexington (338) and Acton-Boxboro (342).

Rounding out the participants were Haverhill (349), Chelmsford (349), Medford (382) and Cambridge Rindge & Latin (402).

Tewksbury 11 1/2 Andover 8 1/2

The Golden Warriors, who beat Tewksbury by the exact same score at Indian Ridge CC on Sept. 18, had individual match wins from freshman Colin Brennan (3-and-2), sophomore Jon Derby (4-and-2) and sophomore Luke Bruno (3-and-2).

Capt. Jason Edelstein halved his head-to-head match at No. 1, and combined with Brennan to earn the best ball point in the first grouping.

The final half point came from Bruno and sophomore Mike Shea who tied in the best ball competition.

Andover 10 1/2 Central Catholic 9 1/2

Sophomore Luke Bruno sank a three-foot putt on the final hole to even his match and clinch the victory that dealt Central Catholic (15-1) its only MVC loss.

Individual winners for the Golden Warriors included Colin Brennan, Joe Reynolds and Zach Gostaman.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Andover High girls varsity volleyball team improved to 14-1 overall, and 10-1 in the Merrimack Valley Conference, with a 2-0 sweep of Billerica at the Dunn Gym.

The Lady Warriors remain in a three-way tie for first place in MVC Division 1 with Chelmsford and Haverhill, the two teams they wrap up the regular season with.

AHS also registered a 2-0 non-conference victory over Newton South.

Schedule

The locals are at home against Chelmsford Saturday night (6:30 p.m.), and play Haverhill on Monday night at 8 p.m. on Court 1 at the annual MVC Volleyball Night hosted by Chelmsford.

The All-Conference Team will also be announced during the evening, which features 12 teams (11 MVC and Westford Academy) squaring off in six matches on two courts at 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Tournament pairings

The Division 1 North Tournament pairings are scheduled for release next Wednesday. Andover should be among the top three or four seeds and will open the single-elimination tourney with a home match at the Dunn Gym.

Kostakis injured

Senior outside hitter Matia Kostakis suffered an ankle injury in practice and missed the Newton South and Billerica matches.

Andover 2 Billerica 0

AHS completed a season series sweep of visiting Billerica, and it was much easier than the 2-1 first meeting as the locals rolled, 30-14 and 30-18.

The Lady Warriors got off to a sluggish start and fell behind 7-2 in the first game, but after rallying to tie it 7-7 Andover was in complete control.

"We looked sharp, passed well and everyone was able to play alot," said coach George Sullivan.

Ashley McLaughlin finished 11-for-12 hitting, with six kills, and 4-for-4 serving. Megan Merinder also had a huge match with 12-for-14 hitting, 19-for-20 serving, two kills and six aces.

Adrienne Hinds contributed one kill and one ace while going 7-for-8 hitting and 8-for-10 serving.

Jen Merinder's only hit was a kill and she also finished 7-for-8 serving with an ace.

Samantha Kerivan was perfect all-around with 5-for-5 hitting and 9-for-9 serving.

Grisel Vasquez had two kills in a 9-for-9 hitting night, and setter Stephanie Krey was 3-for-3 hitting.

Other strong servers included Laura Lamontagne (5-for-6), Kerri O'Dea (3-for-3) and Kelly O'Dea (2-for-2).

Libero Brittany Pierce did her usual outstanding job on defense and passing.

"She's always in position and gets the job done quietly and efficiently," said Sullivan.

The Lady Warriors finished with 12 kills, eight aces and had only five bad serves and four errant hits in the fast-moving match.

The Andover JV-A squad improved to 13-2 overall with a 2-1 victory in the prelim, coming from behind for the 27-30, 30-28, 15-5 triumph.

Andover 2 Newton South 0

The Lady Warriors stepped out of the conference and improved to 3-0 in non-league play with this 30-16, 30-17 romp over host and Dual County League leader South (9-2 overall).

"They're a good team, but we just started off quickly and played hard and well the entire match," said coach George Sullivan. As a team the locals finished 51-for-57 hitting and 58-for-61 serving, with 10 kills and five aces.

Sparking the hit parade were Ashley McLaughlin (11-for-11, four kills), Samantha Kerivan (10-for-11, one kill), Megan Merinder (9-for-9, two kills), Adrienne Hinds (8-for-10, two kills), Jen Merinder (3-for-3, one kill), Grisel Vasquez (3-for-3), Stephanie Krey (3-for-4, one kill) and Laura Lamontagne (2-for-3).

McLaughlin was also perfect at the service line, 14-for-14 with one ace, while Lamontagne was 13-for-13 with two aces. Megan Merinder went 12-for-13, Hinds was 9-for-10 with one ace, Kerivan 4-for-4,

Vasquez 3-for-3 and Jen Merinder 3-for-4 with one ace.

The Andover JV-A team won its prelim, 2-1, and handed the South junior varsity its first loss of the season 30-20, 17-30, 15-13.

German exchange student Julia Schoenau served five straight aces in the third game to key the victory, while other AHS standouts were middle hitter Andrea Kurkul at the net and Kristen Pinksten on defense.

The JV-B squad remained undefeated (8-0) with a 2-0 win by game scores of 31-29 and 30-15.

Top players for the locals included Hollen Clark (serving), Kelly Roberge (serving, defense), Sara Kelleher and Caroline O'Malley.

FIELD HOCKEY

It all came down to yesterday afternoon (Wednesday), after *Townsmen* presstime, for the Andover High varsity field hockey team.

The Lady Warriors, embroiled in a torrid three-way battle with Tewksbury and Chelmsford for the Merrimack Valley Conference championship, were in the driver's seat as they entered a showdown at Tewksbury.

Entering that game, Tewksbury was 12-2-1 in conference play for 25 points, Andover 11-1-2 for 24 points and Chelmsford 9-1-5 for 23 points.

Andover, 12-1-2 overall, had two MVC games left while Tewksbury and Chelmsford both had one.

AHS has an all-important makeup game in hand with Lawrence, a team it crushed 6-1 on Sept. 12 and figures to beat easily once again in the MVC finale today (Thursday).

Assuming Andover will beat Lawrence, the Lady Warriors needed a tie or win against Tewksbury to clinch the title outright. If Tewksbury won yesterday it clinched the title by taking a three-point lead.

Chelmsford took itself out of the picture when it tied Methuen 1-1 on Monday.

In recent games, Andover also battled to a 1-1 deadlock with Methuen and whitewashed Haverhill, 3-0.

Those results extended the Lady Warriors' undefeated streak to 12 games.

The goal by Methuen snapped a string of seven straight shutouts for AHS, which has registered 10 whitewashes in its last 12 games.

The locals have allowed only five goals in 15 games this fall while outscoring the opposition by a wide 38-5 margin.

Schedule

Busy AHS wraps up regular season play tomorrow afternoon at non-league Bedford (3:30 p.m.).

The annual MVC All-Star Game is set for this Sunday afternoon (1 p.m.) in Lowell.

Andover's representatives will not be known until the coaches convene for the All-Star meeting tonight.

Tournament pairings

The Division 1 North Tournament pair-

ings are scheduled for release next Monday. Andover should be among the top three or four seeds. The Lady Warriors could get a first-round bye and will have at least one home game in the single-elimination tourney.

Shea shatters record

Adrienne Shea, who has scored more than 50 percent of the team's goals this season, tops the Andover point parade with 20 goals in 15 games.

Shea's 20 goals are believed to be a new school single-season record, eclipsing the mark of 19 set just two years ago by Grace Farnham.

Farnham and Stephanie Casper still share the single-season AHS mark for total points with 25 each.

Shea is second in the MVC scoring race behind Tewksbury's Courtney O'Brien (21 goals, five assists).

Leading scorers

Jamie Maltz is the second leading scorer with three goals and nine assists, Krissy Levis has two goals and eight assists, Jacqui Munro one goal, nine assists and Allison Abreau three goals, three assists.

Goaltender Elissa Slovin has nine solo shutouts this season and 18 for her AHS career. She has also shared in four other whitewashes.

Andover 1 Methuen 1

Adrienne Shea gave the Lady Warriors a 1-0 lead at 16:31 of the first half, with the assist credited to Casey Salois.

The advantage held up until Methuen tied it with eight minutes to play in the game.

The Rangers' goal snapped Andover junior netminder Elissa Slovin's impressive shutout streak at 472 consecutive minutes.

Slovin finished with 10 saves, and strong efforts were contributed by midfielders Krissy Levis and Brittany Wadbrook.

Andover 3 Haverhill 0

Adrienne Shea launched the scoring with a first-half goal off a corner, tipping in an across-the-crease pass from Jacqui Munro. Jamie Maltz was also credited with an assist after starting the play.

Shea made it 2-0 with her record-breaking 20th goal early in the second half. Maltz stole the ball at midfield and passed to the left post where Shea was stationed.

"Adrienne was in the right place at the right time. It happens to her a lot," said coach Maureen Noone.

Sophomore right wing Casey Salois added a second insurance goal with an assist to left inner Allison Abreau, whose pass to the right post was popped in by Salois.

Elissa Slovin earned her ninth solo shutout and the team's 10th of the season. Haverhill goaltender Jen Salvi kept the score respectable with 12 stops.

Coach Noone lauded the play of Capt. Krissy Levis and Jacqui Munro at midfield, Capt. Stephanie Sweeney on defense and Maltz at forward.

Munro returned to the lineup after miss-

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AHS ROUNDUP

FIELD HOCKEY

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ing the Methuen game because of illness.

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

The Andover High girls swim and dive team blasted Methuen, 99-76, in Merrimack Valley Conference dual meet activity to set up tomorrow's annual title showdown against likewise-undefeated Chelmsford at the Greater Lawrence Tech pool.

The four-time reigning state champs improved to 10-0 overall this season and 8-0 in the MVC.

The victories also stretched the five-year win streak to 60 straight dual meets.

Schedule

The Chelmsford meet will conclude the regular season tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. It will be the annual Senior Day as well, with senior swimmers and their parents from both Andover and Chelmsford being recognized.

The annual MVC Division 1 Championship Meet is set for next Thursday (diving competition) at Lowell High's Riddick Field House pool and Friday (swimming events) at Haverhill High's White Natatorium.

The North Sectional Championship Meet is Saturday, Nov. 8 at Haverhill and the All-State Meet is Sunday, Nov. 16 at Harvard University.

Diving will start at 9 a.m. at both the Sectional and State Meets, while the swim events begin at 2:30 p.m.

Andover 99
Methuen 76

The Lady Warriors finished first in all 11 swim events, and had double individual wins from seniors Liz Mancuso and Christina Casey, as they cruised to victory at the Greater Lawrence Tech pool.

Mancuso added her third and fourth state-cut performances in two meets, touching first in the 200 free (2:01.28) and 100 backstroke (1:04.91).

Mancuso also anchored the victorious 400 free relay and swam the first leg on the winning 200 free relay.

Casey was tops in the 200 IM (2:29.84) and 100 butterfly (1:08.00), and swam a leg on the first-place 200 medley relay

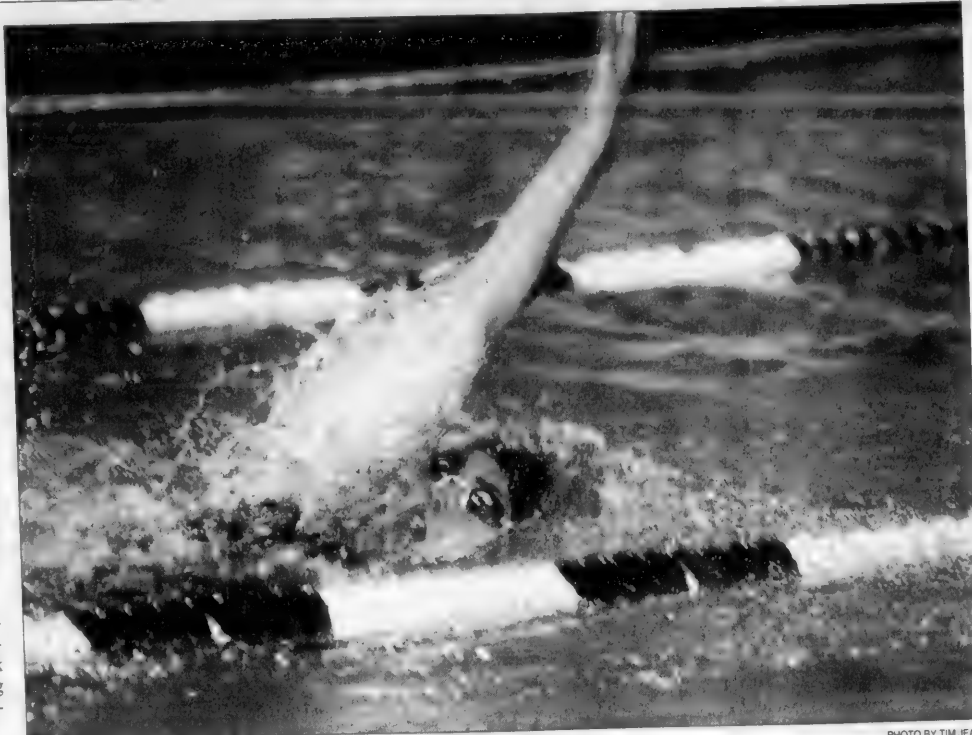


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Liz Mancuso of the Andover High girls swim and dive team wins the 100 backstroke at the Greater Lawrence Technical School pool last Friday, Oct. 17 as the Lady Warriors defeated Methuen, 99-76.

(2:06.65).

Caitlin Doherty, trying for her eighth state-cut time of the season, won the 100 breaststroke. Her 1:15.38 was good for a sectional cut but did not better the state-cut standard of 1:13.81.

Candice Peak earned her sixth state cut with a winning 500 free clocking of 5:23.21, and other sectional cuts were achieved by first-place finishers Amy Caron in the 50 free (26.66) and Diana Harlow in the 100 free (58.47).

Joining Casey on the winning 200 medley relay were Harlow, Amanda Saunders and Phuonghu Nguyen.

Capt. Liz Pallotta, Jen McDonald and Capt. Carolyn Cody completed the 200 free relay while Peak, Caitlin Carpenter and Caron were other members of the 400 free

relay.

Cody was second in the 200 free (2:09.81) and 100 breast (1:18.00), while Pallotta was runner-up in the 50 free (27.34) and 100 fly (1:08.47).

Also second were freshman Kerry Gaj (200 IM, 2:32.91), Carpenter (100 free, 1:01.52), freshman Jenny Meltz (500 free, 5:40.40) and Caron (100 back, 1:07.59).

Cody, Caron, Pallotta and Capt. Casey Frost placed second in an all-senior 200 medley relay (2:10.41).

Nguyen, Meltz, Courtney Hamer and freshman Jen Geary were runners-up in the 200 free relay (1:53.25), and second in the 400 free relay was the foursome of Lydia Alovosetti, Meltz, Hamer and Geary (4:10.12).

Completing event sweeps by placing third were Nguyen (50 free, 27.73), Lauren Grobicki (500 free, personal-best 6:21.54), Saunders (100 breast, 1:19.21) and the 400 free relay of Tracy O'Malley and freshmen Ellen Delisio, Liz Cremin and Jackie Booth.

Jen McDonald was fourth in the one-meter diving with 155.75 points, Michelle Guy placed fifth (153.30) and Jackie Maye was sixth (132.35).

Also fourth were Amanda Kaminski

(200 IM, 2:42.65), Nguyen (100 fly, 1:15.00) and freshman Margaret Doherty (100 back, 1:14.67).

Completing the AHS scoring in fifth were Monica Chung (200 free, 2:29.13) and Alovosetti (100 free, 1:10.22).

CROSS COUNTRY

Andover High cross country teams came away with mixed results in season-ending Merrimack Valley Conference dual meets against their Methuen, Central Catholic and Tewksbury counterparts.

Christy Nigh's second-place finish sparked the girls to a 27-32 victory versus Methuen, while Ryan Durkin's individual win wasn't enough as the AHS boys dropped a 20-43 decision to the undefeated conference champion Rangers (10-0).

The Lady Warriors lost to Tewksbury, 19-36, and also dropped a 17-46 decision to once-beaten Central Catholic, while the boys beat the Redmen, 20-35, and lost to the Raiders, 20-37, despite another victory by Durkin in the latter meet.

Those results in the season's long-awaited first home meets left the AHS girls with a final 6-4 overall record while the boys closed at 5-4.

Schedule

The locals compete at the annual Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Meet this Saturday morning at Chelmsford High (10 a.m.).

Andover girls

Sophomore Christy Nigh covered Andover's 3.1 mile course in 22 minutes, 59 seconds as the individual runner-up to Karissa Sullivan (22:25) in the Methuen meet.

Alice Yuan placed fourth (23:58), and the Lady Warriors then clinched the meet by sweeping 6th through 10th places with Emily Farmer (24:18), Melissa Foley (24:29), Casey Deschene (24:31), Jazzy Dingler (24:41) and Anne Galebach (24:44).

Andover managed only one of the top 10 spots as Central Catholic rolled to its easy victory.

Christy Nigh broke up the CCHS parade by placing fourth over Andover's 3.1-mile course in 22 minutes, 48 seconds.

The individual race winner was the Raiders' Kelsey Farrell in 22:16.

In the setback to Tewksbury, AHS placed five girls in the top 10 but only one of them cracked the first six.

Consistent Christy Nigh was runner-up to Tewksbury's Kaitlin Rose, with Nigh's 22-minute, 44-second time just eight ticks behind Rose (22:36) over the 3.1 mile AHS course.

The visitors swept the next four places to win the meet, and rounding out the top 10 were four bunched Andover runners who finished just 10 seconds apart.

That quartet consisted of Alice Yuan (7th, 24:16), Roopa Chari (8th, 24:19), Emily Farmer (9th, 24:23) and Bryanna Casey (10th, 24:26).

Andover boys

Against Methuen, AHS senior Capt. Ryan Durkin crossed the finish line 15 seconds faster than the runner-up harrier after traveling the 3.1 mile course in 17 minutes, three seconds.

The Rangers (10-0) then swept the next eight places before the second AHS runner, Sasha Seletsky, finished 10th in 19:04.

The Golden Warriors clinched the 20-35 win over Tewksbury by sweeping second through sixth place.

James Primes was the first Andover harrier across, runner-up overall in 18:42.

He was followed in order by Sasha Seletsky (3rd, 19:03), Peter Brown (4th, 19:04), Brad Sherman (5th, 19:08) and Oleg Seletsky (6th, 19:12).

Mike Kukler of Tewksbury won the race in 18:24, and the Redmen also took 7th through 10th place.

Boys Travel Basketball Team tryouts Saturday

Andover boys travel basketball tryouts will be held this Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Andover High Field House for grades 7 and 8 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and grades 5 and 6 from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Second tryouts will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the Andover High Field House for grades 5 and 6 at 6 p.m. and grades 7 and 8 at 7:45 p.m.

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Andover Blue Devils U-14 girls were North Andover Columbus Day tournament champions Oct. 11-13. First row, (from left): Kelly Cooke, Laura Cody, Emily Selwyn, Jeanette Doucette, Rebecca Lindmark, Sarah Ostrofsky, Gina LaRose, Alexandra Bengston, Allie Davey and Rachael Trotta. Second row: Coach John Dugan, Julie Dugan, Emme Arnzen, Jillian Quinn, Satin Zarkar, Taryn Konevich, Jennifer Johnson and Coach Bob Bengston.



The Andover Bulldogs U-10 boys team competed in the North Reading Fall Kickoff Classic Tournament during Labor Day weekend. The team included, from left: (front row) Paul Sockol, Alec Livingston, Alex King, Josh Mintz, Peter Kloss; (back row) Coach David Kloss, Lucas Christopherson, James Hamilton, Patrick O'Sullivan, Taylor Perkins, Brendan O'Connell, Coach David Perkins and Eduardo Machado.



Columbus Day tournament champions – The Division 1 U-14 girls Andover Firebolts traveled to Nashua, N.H. where they outscored their opponents 9-1 during the round-robin to earn a berth in the semifinals. The girls were inspired by the play of Kathryn McDonnell, who scored two goals playing for the last time before moving to Texas. The girls faced a tough Rhode Island Club and buried all five of their shots in a shootout to move into the finals. They outplayed a fierce South Coast Scorpion Club, where they once again outshot their opponents to capture the championship. From left are (standing) Kristi Korsberg, Meghan Thomann, Rikki Sartor, Lizzie Bruno, Coach Lynn Wailes, Jillian Caraviello, Taylor Wailes, Emily Barker and Lydia Dallett; (front row) Erica Leber, Katelyn Caro, Allie Umlah, Cara Lemire, Kelsey Crowther, Rachel Licciardi, Christina Muccio and Jessica Waters. Not in the photo: Assistant coach Lou Piazza, Camille Fantini and Kathryn McDonnell.



The Thunderbolts girls U-12 Division 3 played in the Peabody Invitational Fall Tournament over Columbus Day weekend. They played Reading in the finals, finishing second after double sudden-death overtime, which ended in a shootout. Bottom row: Yana Riendeau, Emily Finneran, Nicole Giesmann, Anne Marie O'Brien, Anna Silva, Kelsey Lim, Haley Jamieson, Zainab Doctor, Erin Christopher, Katelyn Kearns and Colleen Stewart; (top row) MaryAnn O'Connell, Coach Cal Deyerdmond, Paige Leeman, Hannah Pratt, Meg McDonough, Kirsten Arvidson, Alicia Scarpa, Brianne Deyerdmond, Wynne Johnson and Coach Dan Christopher.



Collecting sponsors and walking in the Lazarus House Hike for Hope on Sunday, Oct. 5 were members of the Andover Ablaze soccer team. They are, from left: Cassie Coravos, Carly Golan, Emily Shields, Caroline O'Donnell, Lauren Parker, Lizzy Carroll, Jen Caro and Kate Donohue; bottom row: Nicole Johnson and Jill Conway. Meredith Bird (not pictured), a member of the Andover Ablaze team, was a Lazarus House walker and team leader for a group called "Walking Power."



The U14 Andover Titans finished third in North Andover's Columbus Day Tournament in the Division 1 bracket. They tied their first two games against Georgetown and Westford, and won the final game against Boxford, 2-0, earning a spot in the semifinals. Keepers for the game were Kelly Driscoll and Allie Disalvo. Scorers were Rachael Westgate with two goals against Westford (not in photo); Catherine Lomedico with two goals against Boxford; and Alex Flint with one goal in the semi's against North Andover. From left are: (bottom row) Laura Renfro, Jordy Shoemaker, Hannah Nichols, Jill Markus, and Kelly Driscoll (in front); (middle row) Catherine Lomedico, Alex Flint, Stephanie Halks, Athena Lynch, Ilana Cohen, Val Peacock; (top row) Coach Sarah Mainen, Allie Disalvo, Hannah Hoerner, Jenn Hyslip, Amanda Fantini, Coach Lisa Lomedico.



◀ Trophy time – The Andover Little League 12-year-old Major League was represented in the North Reading tournament earlier this fall by a combination of American and National League players. In the first round, Andover beat the home North Reading team 6-4; Robin Lowe pitched a complete game. The scoring was highlighted by a home run by Brendan Mahoney. Andover then beat Londonderry, 2-1, with solid pitching from Max Nolin and Mahoney. The win placed Andover in a best 2-of-3 finals against Shedd Park of Lowell. The first game was heartbreaking 1-0 loss. Andover bounced back with a 7-2 win. Nolin pitched a solid complete game. Key hits were provided by Josh Devine and Chris Lippi, along with a 3 run home run by Steve LaFortune. Critical fielding plays were turned in by Andrew Ruiz and Alex Patti. In the final game, with the pitching of Mahoney and Corey Frerichs, Andover won, 4-2, and became the champs of the North Reading tournament. From left are: (front row) Chris Lippi, Mike Birecki, Mike Primes, Max Nolin, Daniel Gusovsky, Josh Devine; (standing) Coach Scott Devine, Coach Robin Lowe, Alex Patti, Brendan Mahoney, Corey Frerichs, Robin Lowe, Andrew Ruiz, Steve LaFortune and Coach Lauro Ruiz.

Siblings second in Nashua tennis meet

Hilary and Jackson Rich of Andover competed in the 2003 New Hampshire State Tennis Championship at the Nashua Swim and Tennis Club on Oct. 4.

Hilary, a seventh-grader at Doherty Middle School, was a finalist in the 12-and-under girls division, finishing second overall.

Jackson, a fifth-grader at Bancroft Elementary, was a finalist in the 12-and-under boys division, also finishing second overall.

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People who suspect that they may be suffering from hearing loss, shouldn't postpone taking the first crucial step. A free hearing test and consultation is available at Amore Hearing Consultants and is easy to schedule.

To make an appointment with Theresa or one of her certified audiologists in Andover at 11 Chestnut St., call 978-470-4500. For an appointment in Haverhill at 3 Washington St., Room 210, call 978-372-4851. The number to contact the Lawrence offices is 978-682-4730.

Townspeople

TOWN TALK

Trees dropping, men hopping

Last Wednesday night's windstorm cost the town about \$1,200, and a clean-up process the town expects to last one month is now underway.

Harsh winds blew through Andover on Oct. 15, ripping branches and limbs from many trees and even knocking some trees over. Wires were torn down, roads were blocked and a four-man tree crew raced around town to address the damage.

"They were hopping. They were really hopping all over the place," said Joe Piantadosi, plant and facilities director. The crew was needed until 10 p.m. Wednesday, attending strictly to emergencies. Workers returned early the next morning when Piantadosi pulled others from his department and assigned them to help with the tree clean-up.

Clean-up efforts had been calculated to cost about \$1,200 for 40 hours of overtime for plant and facilities department workers, according to Piantadosi.

"We try and budget overtime to handle normal occurrences like this," he said, but all departments have faced cutbacks and more storms like this "would chew up the overtime very quickly. You can't budget or plan for that."

—Andrea Gregory

5K walk raises \$28K

More than 200 participants volunteered their time and energy Oct. 5 to raise \$28,000 as part of the 11th annual five-kilometer walk for the Professional Center for Child Development.

"We're celebrating our 30th year," said Elaine Rotolo, development director. "We're trying to raise \$30,000 for our 30th year."

Leading contributors were Sarah and Sydney Eberth and the Fournier family of Starwood Crossing. The Eberth girls, 10 and 8 respectively, led the youth pledges, raising more than \$500 by collecting pledges from family, friends and neighbors. The girls volunteered last summer at the center where their mother, Laura Eberth, works as a nurse.

The Fournier family ran a multi-family yard sale and donated the profits, an impressive \$1,200.

The money will be used by the center to fund and expand programming, allowing the nonprofit organization to carry out its mission of eliminating barriers to growth and development for youth with special needs.

Many local businesses assisted the cause, including Athletes Corner, Starbucks and Perfecto's Cafe. The center encourages more tax-deductible donations.

The Professional Center for Child Development, 32 Osgood St., was founded in 1973 when a perceived lack of services for special needs children prompted two Andover nurses to open a nursery for handicapped children, according to the center. They did so with the sponsorship of the rector of Andover's Christ Church.

—Jaclyn Todisco

Accepting the Challenge

Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm, a program in Andover that uses horse riding to change the lives of disabled people, celebrated its 20th anniversary last weekend.

As part of its celebration, Challenge Unlimited paid tribute to Andover residents George and Margo Behrakis, by giving them the Ironstone Farm Spirit of Giving Award. Since the beginning of the program, and during the past 20 years, the Behrakis family has supported the program financially, said Decdee O'Brien.

"They've been contributors for many years and among the first donors for our first capital campaign to purchase the property," she said. "They have been first for us and allowed us to get projects going."

In fact, at this weekend's event, the Behrakis family rose to the Challenge again, said O'Brien. They brought 150 people who had never heard of Ironstone Farm to the event, and when these people saw a video of the work done at the farm, they were so touched they opened their wallets, contributing about \$100,000.

"They were really shocked. Their wives were crying looking at the video. It became very emotional," said George Behrakis. "We're very proud to be affiliated with (Challenge Unlimited)."

—Neil Fater



Margo and George Behrakis of Andover received the Ironstone Farm Spirit of Giving Award as the program that uses hippotherapy to help disabled people celebrated its 20th anniversary last weekend.

Ready for Olympic trial

After 2:45 marathon, local runner qualifies to compete

By Ben Hellman

Forty-three-year-old Andover runner Nina Caron qualified for the US Olympic Trials last week. The mother of four will attend the Olympic Trials to compete with the country's women's team in St. Louis, Mo. in April.

Caron qualified for the trials after completing the Chicago Marathon in 2 hours and 45 minutes — three minutes before the Olympic cutoff.

"I can't even tell you how I felt when I crossed that line. It was the most exciting moment of my life," she said. Caron knew at the finish of the race that she had come in under time. "I just had to remain very focused," she said.

Caron expects to step up her training for the event in January, but she hasn't discussed her game plan with her coach.

Caron has always run for pleasure, but got serious in the last three years after meeting trainer Fernando Braz, who coaches the Merrimack Valley Striders running group.

Caron credits her success to Braz's training.

"It's been an unbelievable partnership," said Caron.

When Braz told Caron that he thought she could qualify for the Olympics, she laughed it off with a friend afterwards.

"I'm a very unassuming person," she said. But three months

ago she ran in a race in Stow and believed that the Olympic qualifying time was within her grasp.

Caron has run locally in the Boston Marathon and other races, including 10 Feaster Fives, the popular Thanksgiving Day road race in Andover. The trick to running a marathon is being able to "manage your head," she said.

Runners must manage discomfort such as fatigue, pain, and mental distraction.

As a mother of four, with a dog and a husband who works a lot, worrying about only herself for a few hours isn't tough, she said.

"For me only to have to focus on me — it's nothing," Caron said.

Her family has been supportive of her running. "My family is thrilled," she said. "It's great for

kids to see a parent work towards a goal and succeed."

Until Caron started taking running seriously, she said she did not know the commitment it entailed.

"I didn't fully understand or respect the sport," she said.

The personal trainer and fitness instructor hopes that her success can be a model for others

— regardless of their age or place in life.

"I think it's just great for women or anybody. If you have a goal in your head — anything's possible."



Nina Caron says, "If you have a goal in your head — anything's possible."



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Nina Caron, 43, an Andover runner, qualified for the US Olympic Trials last week.

The not-so-secret life of Dr. Olans

Award-winning physician finds time for fun

By Ben Hellman

ANDOVER DOCTOR Richard Olans is on the front line in the battle against the microbe. More than a physician, Olans divides his time between his patients, his students and the disease-causing germs which he said have the advantage in a war that predates human existence.

Olans' contributions to this war were recognized recently when he won a clinician award from the Infectious Diseases Society of America — one of two such awards given annually. The society cited his compassion, clinical research, patient education and community service.

They omitted his drawing skills.

Olans is a cartoonist and humorist, in addition to carrying a full patient caseload, serving as an assistant professor at Boston University School of Medicine and running the Infectious Diseases Departments at three Boston-area hospitals.

Olans paints a picture of himself by describing his medical school interviews. "When I was asked what kind of doctor I wanted to be, I told them I wanted to be Dr. Seuss," he said. He said that answer went over better at some interviews than others, but 30 years later he still counts Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss) as one of his idols.

Gary Larson, creator of *The Far Side* comics, has become a close second.

Growing up in Medford as the son of a general practitioner, Olans said it wasn't long before he knew what he wanted to do with his life. In the seventh grade, he did a microbiology project for a science fair. He said he was taken with microscopic creatures with long, exotic names almost immediately. But he said he did not want to spend his life in the laboratory in the absence of people. He describes it with a Robin Williams schtick, saying, "I wanted to work with big people — very big people — and small organisms — teeny-tiny organisms."

Infection finds its way into all branches of medicine, so Olans finds himself working with doctors of all specialties on a variety of cases. He also gets to translate his experience with patients to the laboratory and vice versa. "I'm a liaison between clinicians and

the lab," he said.

Olans said the fun of fighting disease is the ever-changing challenge presented by the germs. "It's always new. What we conquer today will only mutate into a new problem tomorrow," he said.

Olans recognizes that germs — which have a generation gap of about five minutes — have the upper hand. "The fact that every single one of us isn't infected every single day is miraculous," he said.

But Olans doesn't mind making light of it. He likened the disease-causing germs to the Shmoo, the armless bowling pin-shaped creature from cartoonist Al Capp's *Lil' Abner*. The Shmoo lived on practically nothing and spread very quickly, threatening human society.

And why not have fun with it? "It's better to be irreverent than irrelevant," said Olans.

In the tradition of Larson, Olans draws bugs and cellular-level creatures in human terms doing human things like going to the movies or shopping for groceries.

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Disease-fighter Richard Olans, MD, of Andover keeps infectious diseases close to his heart — his tie sports a print of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, the organism that causes pneumonia.



"Now remember, children. Stay away from those limes. They carry diseases."

The mother germ in Richard Olans' cartoon reproduced above is saying, "Now remember, children. Stay away from those limes. They carry diseases."

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SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

The Andona Society invites the community to attend its 51st annual Andona Ball. The ball, with the theme "Moonlight Magic" this year, will be held Saturday, Nov. 8 at Atkinson Country Club.

According to organizers, "The location is new and the theme is exciting... We encourage you to attend and support Andona's second biggest fundraiser. Andona is once again looking forward to making this an enchanted evening and one that raises important funds for Andona's charitable giving initiatives to children in greater Andover. We know you will have a wonderful time."

The evening begins with cocktails at 7 followed by dinner at 8 and dancing to John Keegan and Madhouse. Ticket cost is \$150 per couple and \$75 per person.

This year's committee chairman is Joanne Heim, and members include Dotie Gorrie, Carla Byrne, Susan Burns, Julie Gerard, Jaiy Rockwell, Susan Walsh and Diane Cahill.

Donations are gladly accepted. For more information or ticket reservations, contact Joanne Heim at 978-975-1193.

Bring your carved jack-o-lantern to the Andover Historical Society's new family Halloween festival, "Pumpkin Pals & Spooky Stories," this Saturday, Oct. 25 from 2 to 5 p.m. Participants are asked to come in costume and bring a carved jack-o-lantern and candle with them to the festival to be part of the grand finale lighting.

Before the lighting, guests can decorate a trick-or-treat bag, listen to spooky stories



Deering Estates held its annual "back to school block party" on Sunday, Oct. 5. "It is always a fun party with activities for the kids," organizers said. Taking part in the neighborhood's traditional wheelbarrow race are David and Jack Belluche and Lauren and Mike Buhner.

in the barn, and meet characters from the past while trick-or-treating in the house and barn. Admission is \$5; or \$3 for Historical Society members.

For further information, call the Historical Society at 978-475-2236, or visit AHS online at www.andhist.org. The Historical

Society and its Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum are at 97 Main St.

The Evening Book Discussion Group at Memorial Hall Library has changed its meeting date, and the group is looking for new members.

Meetings will take place the first Wednesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. in the Activity Room, lower level. The book they have selected for Nov. 5 meeting is *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri.

These meetings are informal but hold very lively discussions. There are no restrictions to attendance. For further information, contact Norma A. Gammon at 978-623-8401, Ext. 49.

Phillips Academy International Club is hosting an International Festival tomorrow and Saturday that is open to the general public.

Friday, Oct. 24 - Diwali Celebration, 7 to 8 p.m. in Kemper Auditorium.

Saturday, Oct. 25 - The International Food Festival, 6 to 7:15 p.m. in the Underwood Room. For minimal cost, sample home-cooked delicacies from around the world; followed by the World Talent and Fashion Show, 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. in Kemper Auditorium. Enjoy performances from various countries and cultures.

The festival is sponsored by the International Club and the Office of Community and Multicultural Development.

For more information, contact Ieva Chaleckyte at ichaleckyte@andover.edu.



The Savings Bank and Wyeth BioPharma are the major sponsors of the third annual Larry Robinson/Alex Miliotis World Without Cancer Race/Walk conducted in memory of former Andover High School Principal Larry Robinson and Andover High School student athlete Alex Miliotis. The 10-mile race and 5K race/walk will be held Sunday, Dec. 14, at West Middle School in Andover. Helping to get the word out about the event are sponsors (left to right) Jack Norton, Athletes Corner; Ralph Benson, the Savings Bank; Chris Perley, Wyeth BioPharma; Roy Dennehy, race director; Kevin Allardi, Dunkin' Donuts; and Betsy Desfosse, health teacher, Andover High School. For more information, or to register online, log on to www.larryrobinsonrace.com.

RELIGION NOTES

Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein and Myrna Schoen, preschool director, will continue their three part discussion entitled, "Talking to Our Kids About Loss, God, and Evil." The next session will be Monday, Oct. 27 (on God) and conclude Monday, Nov. 3 (on Evil). The program will be held at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road and is open to the entire community. The discussion is open to people of all faiths.

Issues surrounding death and loss, evil and why God allows such things to happen have always been challenging for parents to address. During the sessions parents will have an opportunity to learn strategies, and to explore some of their own feelings on these difficult issues.

Rabbi Goldstein has been the spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel for 14 years. He has a doctorate in pastoral counseling from Andover/Newton Theological School. Schoen has been at the Temple Emanuel

Preschool for 18 years. She has been the director for the last eight years.

SouthWinds at South Church will present a worship service for the Andover community this Saturday evening at 5. The service, titled "I'll See It When I Believe It" will be led by UCC area minister the Rev. Mike Penn-Strah.

The theme is around the issues of diversity, our perceptions, attitudes and fears of inclusion in both our personal and spiritual lives.

SouthWinds welcomes back its musical guests Living Water, the praise group from Berklee College of Music. Part of the Berklee College Christian Fellowship, Living Water is an eclectic multifaceted band influenced by jazz, rock and gospel.

The group is committed to sharing the message of God's love, grace and salvation through the ministry of music, organizers said.



"I'll See It When I Believe It" is the title of this Saturday's SouthWinds service at South Church, Central Street.

Christ Church will host its annual Attic Treasures Yard Sale this Saturday, Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The yard sale will feature, furniture, clothing, baby items, sports equipment, toys, household items, collectibles and more. A local charity will benefit from a portion of the proceeds.

Christ Church is located at 25 Central St.

Each year, the Parish of Christ Church in Andover donates 10 percent of the proceeds from its annual Christmas Fair to a non-profit organization that is not affiliated with or directly supported by the church. This year, the "Celebration of Christmas Fair" will be held Saturday, Dec. 6.

Any group that wishes to be considered for this year's title should submit a written statement, not

more than three paragraphs long, describing the organization's work, its beneficiaries, and specifically how the funds would be used.

Statements must be received no later than Wednesday, Nov. 5 for consideration.

Submit proposals to Christmas Fair Committee, Parish of Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover, 01810.

Not-so-secret life of Dr. Olans

■ RICHARD OLANS, MD
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Olans also writes nonsense verses a la *The New Yorker*, and has published a humor essay taking off on James Thurber's *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*.

"The Secret Life of a Hospital Epidemiologist...With Apologies to Dr. Mitty" has Olans' thinly-veiled protagonist Dr. Richardson moving through his day using deductive reasoning and experience to solve a multitude of problems, from infection to plugged-up toilets to salesmen selling sterile paint.

"That is a very typical day," said Olans.

In the tradition of Mitty, Olans' character sees himself in romantic terms. Olans' places him in King Arthur's court, on

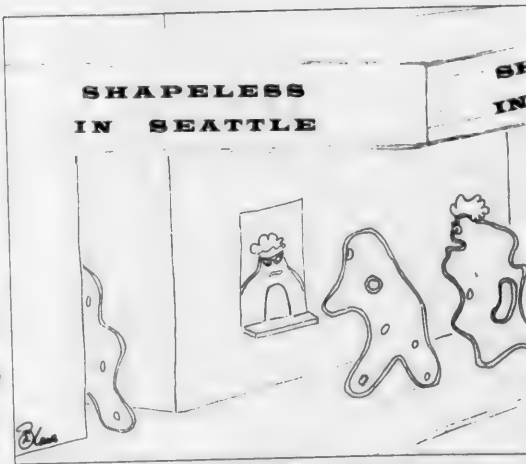
the bridge of the *Starship Enterprise* and in the shoes of Sherlock Holmes on a case.

Olans' said the Holmesian analogy is apt. Holmes' creator Arthur Conan Doyle was a physician and he based his detective character on a medical instructor. Olans said deductive reasoning is important to rule out illnesses.

But Olans said the closest literary likeness is Dr. Seuss' Bartholomew Cubbins, who was noted for wearing 500 hats.

Olans said his roles at work and at home - he is married to Rita Olans and the couple have two daughters - keeps him changing hats often, which is fine with him.

"I love changing hats," said Olans.



Andover doctor Richard Olans, a humorist and a cartoonist, draws one-celled creatures performing human activities such as going to the movies. Here some single-celled amoeba-type bugs go to see "Shapeless in Seattle."

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OBITUARIES

Bruce F. Horton

Business executive enjoyed coaching local sports teams

Bruce Foster Horton, 62, of Andover, died Saturday, Oct. 18 at Wingate in Andover, after a seven-year battle with cancer.

Born in Boston, he graduated from Reading Memorial High School and Boston University with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

He was vice president of finance at Hallsmith-Sysco Food Service in Norton, a public accountant with Arthur Anderson, controller for Servomation and Dragone Cheese Manufacturing, and treasurer for S.S. Pierce Co.

Mr. Horton was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and was past president of Winnstock Condo Association in Gilford, N.H.

He volunteered on school boards and coached Andover soccer and Little League.

He also lived in North Reading.

Family members said he enjoyed travel, sports — especially golf and tennis — and attending professional sporting events.

Members of his family include his wife of 38 years Reeta E. (Romano) Horton of Andover; daughter, Sara E. Horton of Norton; son, Eric W. Horton of Andover; brother, Richard W. Horton of Madison, Conn.; and mother-in-law, Elizabeth Romano of Plymouth.

He was the son of the late Wendell and Jeanette Horton.

Funeral services were private. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 1 Harvard St., Brookline, MA 02146; or the American Cancer Society, Centralized Memorial Processing Center, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701; or Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Warren Ingalls

Was an estate planner

Warren Ingalls, 95, of Andover, died Friday, Oct. 10 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Mr. Ingalls was born in New York City. He graduated from Colgate University where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

A Maryland resident for many years, he was an estate planner in Baltimore before retiring to his family's farm in Grafton, N.Y.

He was the widower of Lillian R. Ingalls, who was a retired Baltimore schoolteacher.

Members of his family include his daughter, Nancy Ingalls Crossfield and her husband, Terry R. Crossfield of Andover; and three grandchildren, Warren T. Crossfield of North Andover, Brian P. Crossfield of Denver, Colo. and Catherine C. Wilson of Los Angeles, Calif.

A private burial was held in Grafton, N.Y.

Mildred M. White

Managed school lunch program for 27 years

Mildred M. (Chase) White, 85, of Newbury, N.H. and formerly of Andover, died Monday, Oct. 13 at home.

She was born in Peabody and graduated from Peabody High School. She also graduated from the Portia Law School in Boston.

She lived in Andover for many years and was the manager of the school lunch program for 27 years.

While living in Andover, she was an active member of the West Parish Church, where she taught Sunday School for 19 years without missing a Sunday. She was also a charter member of the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover.

Mrs. White spent summers in Elkins, N.H. from 1960 to 1976 before moving to Newbury,

N.H. in 1976 upon retirement.

In Newbury, she joined the South Newbury Union Church and had served as deacon. She was also a volunteer at the Newbury Library for the children's story hour every week and was one of the founding members of SCONES (Senior Citizens of Newbury Enjoy Socializing).

She was the widow of James S. White, to whom she was married for 50 years.

Members of her family include a son and daughter-in-law, James and Marion White of Plaistow, N.H.; a daughter, Nancy Savastano of Florida; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Allison Chase of Peabody; and nieces and nephews.

She was also the sister of the late Harvey J. Chase.

Memorial contributions may be made to the South Newbury Union Church, P.O. Box 37 or to the Newbury Fire Department, P.O. Box 373, both of Newbury, NH 03255.

Arrangements were by Chadwick Funeral Services of New London, N.H.

Norma E. Eichorn

Andover native lived here until 1979

Norma E. (Matthews) Eichorn, 82, of California and formerly of Andover, died Tuesday, Oct. 7 at Los Robles Regional Medical Center in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

She was born and raised in Andover. She lived here until 1979 when she moved to South Yarmouth.

She was a member of the South Yarmouth Senior Center.

She was the widow of Carl Eichorn.

Members of her family include several grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

At the request of the family, there were no calling hours. Funeral services were private.

Burial was private at Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Mary G. Bailey

Retired teacher was active in local groups

Mary G. Bailey, 96, of Andover, died Sunday, Oct. 19 at Mary Immaculate Nursing Home.

Born in Boston, she taught art and art history in Andover, Methuen, Gardner, North Andover and Portsmouth, N.H., high schools.

Ms. Bailey served in the Navy during World War II. She was a member and former commander of the American Legion Post 8, member of St. Augustine Church and former member of Quota International.

She leaves many friends and former students.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., Andover, 01810.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 22 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Funeral services will be held today, Thursday, Oct. 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Cremation will be at Linwood Crematory.

Kenneth E. Bixby

Retired from Air Force as a lieutenant colonel

Kenneth E. "Ed" Bixby, 76, of Andover, died Thursday, Oct. 16 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Born in Littleton, N.H., he graduated from Littleton High School and received a bachelor's degree at the US Naval Academy and a master's degree in the US Air Force.

Mr. Bixby served in the Navy and then the Air Force for 27 years, retiring in 1975 as a lieutenant colonel.

He then worked at Raytheon Co. in Andover, retiring in 1990.

He was a member of the Burns Masonic Lodge AF&AM 66 in Littleton, the Military Officers Association of America, the American Legion Post 68 in Littleton, the board of directors of the National Contract Management Association Boston Chapter, the US Naval Academy Association Boston Chapter, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Officers' Club in Portsmouth, N.H., and the Patriot Golf Course in Bedford.

Members of his family include his wife of 40 years, Helen M. (Murphy) Bixby; a son, David Bixby and his wife, Elaine of Lyndonville, Vt.; daughters, Debra and her husband John Murray of Albertsville, Ala., and Susan and her husband Peter Walsh of Andover; sister, Lura Machell of Nashua, N.H.; five granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews.

100 Years Ago - 1903

The Young Tigers will challenge any team at an average of 95 pounds.

Frank Carter has taken Frank M. Smith's place as driver of the town horses during the latter's absence on a visit to Maine.

In the recent award of the Hugh Chamberlain prize for the best examination in Greek, for admission to Yale, honorable mention is made of two boys prepared at Phillips Academy, who graduated last June.

The sympathy of many friends goes out to Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Campion whose little daughter died last week after a long illness.

Alexander Dundas of this town won the tennis championship of Moosup, Conn., this season, defeating his opponent in every match played.

W.F. Merrill, wife and daughter have returned from a four month's tour in Europe and are in Andover, visiting his mother, Mrs. James H. Merrill.

75 Years Ago - 1928

The annual fair of the ways and means committee of the Andover Fraternal Building association opened Thursday evening at 7.

On the evening of Friday, Nov. 2, Carveth Wells, fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, will give a lecture on "Bermuda, Where the Rainbow Begins."

Miss Lily Booth, the well-known piano-forte instructor, has opened a studio at 66 Main St.

Thaxter Eaton was recently elected treasurer of the Northern New England School of Religious Education at Durham, N.H.

Mademoiselle Marie will open a millinery shop at 17 Main St. on Thursday, Nov. 1, to which

DEATHS

Mary G. Bailey, 96
Kenneth E. "Ed" Bixby, 76
Stephan R. Borden, 33
John F. Craig, 73
Norma E. Eichorn, 82
Alice Gaumond, 74
Bruce F. Horton, 62
Warren Ingalls, 95
Fernande L. Talbot, 94
Mary E. Trainor, 78
Mildred M. White, 85

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

GAUMOND - Alice (Thom) Gaumond, 74, of Methuen, died Thursday, Oct. 16 at Lawrence General Hospital. Members of her family include her sister, Mildred McMahon of Andover.

TRAINOR - Mary E. (Cumber) Trainor, 78, of Haverhill and Hampton Beach, N.H., died Saturday, Oct. 18 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Members of her family include her daughter, Judith T. Norton of Andover.

Harbor Boston, a support and awareness group using natural remedies in treating mental disorders.

Members of his family include his parents, Robert and Karin Borden of Andover; a sister, Jennifer Borden and her husband Joseph Balsama of Somerville; and grandfather, Charles Borden of Westport.

Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to Safe Harbor, 1718 Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90041.

Arrangements were by Dewhurst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Stephan R. Borden

AHS '88 grad

Stephan Richard Borden, 33, died Friday, Oct. 17.

Born in Lawrence and raised in Andover, he graduated from Andover High School in 1988 and graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in computer science and electrical engineering from Merrimack College in 1997.

He was awarded the Victor J. Mill Medal for ranking as the top student in continuing education.

Mr. Borden attended Safe

Fernande L. Talbot

Lifelong area resident

Fernande L. Talbot, 94, died Friday, Oct. 17 at the Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

Born in Lawrence, Ms. Talbot had been an area resident all of her life.

She worked at the Mariner Combing Co. until she retired.

Ms. Talbot was a member of Sacred Heart Parish.

Members of her family include her sister, Rolande Sherman of Andover; and several nieces and nephews.

There were no calling hours. Burial was in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Racicot Funeral Home, 256 Broadway, Lawrence.

John F. Craig

Retired bank president

John F. Craig, 73, of Bay City, Fla. died Thursday, Oct. 16.

He was born in Andover.

Mr. Craig was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the US Army.

He was a retired bank president and member of the Kiwanis Club, VFW, and the Masonic Lodge.

Members of his family include his daughters, Sandra J. Davis and Barbara A. Hughes, both of Bay City; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Taylor Brothers Funeral Home, Bay City, Fla.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

the ladies of Andover are invited.

Plans are now underway to secure Mrs. Wenona Pinkham of the Massachusetts Civic League as speaker at the annual open meeting of the AVIS on Tuesday

50 Years Ago - 1953

A meeting of the trustees of the Andover Servicemen's Fund was held at the Town House on Wednesday evening, Oct. 14 for the purpose of discussing the Servicemen's Fund as it now stands. The commanders of the town's four veteran organizations have proposed that the fund, now about \$18,000, be used to build a home for the local veterans' posts and their auxiliaries.

A new Route 28, from Medford to the New Hampshire line, which will pass through Andover, is being rebuilt.

A total of 782 parents are enrolled in the Central Elementary PTA it was announced at the associations first meeting of the season held last week.

More than 125 volunteer workers have been recruited to help Andover go over the top in the 1954 Greater Lawrence Community Chest campaign.

After the presentation before the board of selectmen Monday night, the board favored issuing a new 20-ride ticket between Boston and Andover at the rate that would benefit local patrons of the railroad.

25 Years Ago - 1978

Three former members of the Finance Committee were presented plaques during the Monday night session of town meeting.

Flu season is here and the Andover Board of Health recommends flu shots for persons over 60 years of age and individuals over 18 years of age with chronic disease.

The New England Conservatory Repertory Wind Ensemble conducted by Michael Walters, will give a free concert in Jordan

Hall on Thursday.

Raytheon Co., is planning a \$10-\$14 million expansion of its West Andover plant.

Town meeting Tuesday night gave town and school officials the computer packages they've wanted, over the objections of a few residents who claimed various degrees of expertise in hardware and software.

The state police major crime unit has joined in the investigation of the murder of David J. Brogan 35, of Attleboro, whose murdered body was found last Wednesday afternoon in West Andover.

School Committee members have requested the state retirement board to review the application of Edward P. Grigoli, former head of music department.

Assessor William H. Russell will be among the panelists on a special seminar on the tax exemptions for older citizens to be held Monday.

A major office complex has been announced for the Route 114 area of North Andover called the Willows Professional Park.

Crazy quilts made of brilliant silks, brocades, velvets and satins enjoyed great popularity during the late 19th century as presented by Essex Institute.

10 Years Ago - 1993

The leaf-composting site on Bald Hill will open for the season on Thursday. Residents can dump leaves, grass clippings and

shredded yard waste at the site.

October is the annual League of Women Voters of Andover finance campaign month.

State Rep. Gary Coon, R-Andover, will hold local office hours Tuesday, Oct. 26. He will be available during these times to answer questions and discuss issues of concern to constituents of his district.

Several companies in Andover have materials on their sites that are considered hazardous and cause property damage injuries and even deaths if released.

AT&T will recall up to 50 production workers at its Merrimack Valley Works manufacturing facility.

Data compiled from the Federal Census for Andover for the years 1860-1920 shows the national heritage of Andover residents.

The Andover chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club will hold its annual fall meeting Thursday. The public is encouraged to attend.

A trend toward greater inclusion appears to be underway in some schools and leveling is still used at high schools often considered similar to Andover.

Pike School eighth-graders took water samples from the Shawheen River as part of a UMass Lowell program to monitor water quality.

- Compiled by Townsman intern Kyle McCauley

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Education

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Connected Math Project squeezed by parents' complaints

By Ben Hellman

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS WILL HAVE seventh-grade math teachers condense the second section of the new "Connected Math Project" curriculum — a section on fractions — so kids can finish it more quickly than they did the program's first section. The announcement came after weeks of parent complaints that the new math program isn't challenging enough for their kids.

Both the first and second sections are considered reviews of Andover students' sixth-grade material.

Assistant Superintendent Marcia O'Neil made the announcement at an informational meeting about the controversial new math program at West Middle School on Monday night. Approximately 80 parents showed up at the meeting, which was originally scheduled later in the semester, but was moved up after parents' complaints.

O'Neil admitted to parents that the first section of the program had moved slowly because teachers were still learning to teach it. "We're all doing this for the first time," she said. "We're going to pick up the pace."

The announcement wasn't enough for some parents, who left the meeting saying the administrators failed to address their concerns. Many parents asked how the schools could tell the program is working while so many students are unhappy with it. Some parents asked how long the schools planned to use the program if parents and kids continued to believe it was failing.

O'Neil said teachers would monitor the program monthly and students would be tested in math on the MCAS test when they got to grade 8. Seventh-grade students are not tested in math on the state exam.

Parents' frustration was apparent throughout the two-hour meeting on Monday. Many parents who did not get a chance to speak showed their support for critical questions about the math program by laughing and applauding after questions.

West Middle School Principal Kathy Hammond threatened to end the meeting early if parents grew hostile. "I don't think we need to attack," Hammond said. "Things are getting edgy."

Parents voiced concerns at School Committee meetings in June and July. They said the program eliminated a class for advanced students, and charged that teachers and parents were left out of the loop in the planning stages of the program. In September, parents of students who would not have been in advanced classes also complained that the new program was too slow.

Teacher union representative Kerrie Costello said teachers were not given enough time to prepare for the program and that some feared repercussions if they



Marcia O'Neil, assistant superintendent, announced changes to the schools' controversial new math program during an informational meeting at West Middle School on Monday night.

spoke their minds about it. O'Neil and Superintendent Claudia Bach have repeatedly said teachers were involved in the planning of the program, and they say the decision-making process took six to seven years.

At Monday night's meeting, O'Neil said teachers would move quickly through the next section of the program, a review section on fractions and decimals called "Bits and Pieces 2."

"We don't plan to spend much time on that section at all," she said. O'Neil didn't know how long it would take teachers to get through the section. When she estimated two weeks, some teachers in the room said it would take longer.

Mother Jill Perry asked why the teachers had to cover the section — prescribed for sixth-graders by publisher Prentice Hall, and a review for Andover seventh-graders — but O'Neil said it could hurt the process. "We don't want to move so fast that we compromise the design of the program," she said.

Perry said afterwards she appreciated the administration's attempt to educate parents about the program. "But it's hard to sit and listen to that when we're wading through sixth-grade mate-

rial (with our kids)," she said.

Mom Phyllis Cerullo spoke out against the program during the meeting. Afterwards she described the meeting as a "fiasco."

"Parents were very upset last night, no questions got answered, again, it was just again, trying to justify this program," she said.

Parent Chris Quartararo supported the change from the old math program, which he said was "lousy — repetitive computation."

He said the problem seemed to be with the implementation of the new program. He said students had spent two weeks writing a poem and four weeks counting squares, and his comments prompted parents' laughter.



Chris Quartararo asks why the new math program is moving so slowly.



Reading specialist Elly Seavey of South School is one of 10 Literacy Champions statewide. From left are Naomi Bledsoe, Seavey and Molly Machain, working in Ellen Buckley's fourth-grade classroom on Monday, Oct. 20.

Make way for reading

By Meir Rinde

WHEN EILEEN M. SEAVEY HANDED OUT COPIES of the book *Molly's Pilgrim* to a group of second-graders on a recent afternoon, she saw an eagerness that would make any teacher smile.

"I'm going to start it right now," said student Una O'Toole.

"Do we have to read the whole entire book?" asked Stephen Moreland.

"Yes," Seavey said.

"Then I'm going to start it today," Moreland said.

Over the last four years, Seavey has headed the effort to create a comprehensive literacy program at South Elementary School with the aim of making children love to read. She was honored this week as one of 10 Literacy Champions statewide at a breakfast in Boston attended by Gov. Mitt Romney.

The newly created award from the Massachusetts Literacy Foundation includes a grant to benefit Seavey's program and makes her part of a team that will act as literacy ambassadors to schools and educational programs around the state.

The 35-year veteran of the Andover schools will spend the year discussing her team's techniques — including a lunchtime reading group for advanced students, costumed Reader's Theater performances; a Reader's Radio activity; a Web site; adult literacy volunteers; a program where older students read with younger ones before the start of the school day; and a detailed analyses of each child's reading ability.

Like the other activities, the Morning Reading Partners program becomes a pleasure for the students, a motivation and incentive for them to spend more time sharpening their language abilities, Seavey said.

"It's really to develop a love of reading, to make reading a habit on a daily basis to build fluency, and for the older children, that added attribute of being a role model to another child," she said. "There's nothing more joyful for a teacher than to have a child come up and say, 'Can I be a morning reading partner?'"

At a recent meeting of the second-grade group, the students read their favorite pet poems into a play microphone for Reader's Radio, composed a new poem, wrote down questions about the reading and added to their vocabulary lists.

They met in the Literacy Room, a classroom-sized space occupied by specialists' desks and low round tables surrounded by child-sized chairs.

On one wall, colorful books in plastic bags filled scores of cubbyholes, each text selected and categorized according to reading level and subject matter.

"Remember the word monotonous?" she asked the students. "That's a hard one to spell. You know why? Because it's *mo-no-to-nous*," she said, clapping her hands lightly at each syllable. "Is this a monotonous group?"

"No," they said in unison.

"It's not repeating over and over," said student Eli Sands.

"What's the opposite of monotonous?" Seavey asked.

"Boring?"

"Short?"

After hearing a couple of clues, Madison Moulder came up with the answer: "Exciting."

The Literacy Room is also open to teachers looking for materials to give their classes. Fourth-grade teacher Jennifer Rich, who helped run the lunchtime Reader's Cafe, said Seavey's team has been particularly critical as a budget crunch has strained the staff and led to larger class sizes.

"I'll often go in and say I need something for kids to read on such-and-such a theme, and she'll go right to the shelves and make suggestions for ways to enhance the curriculum," Rich said. "She understands children, where they are developmentally and what they are able to do. She helps them to really build well-crafted essays and express themselves poetically."

Most importantly, she makes things fun for the students. She has that little microphone, and they really enjoy it."

Seavey said she shares the award with her literacy team and with the South Elementary principal, Dr. Eileen Woods, one of the people who nominated her. She said supportive parents have also been key to the program's success.

"I am just so fortunate to work at this school," she said. "We don't work in isolation. So we are truly a literacy community, in every sense of the word."

BOOK REVIEW

Dial-A-Ghost

BY EVA IBBOTSON

Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

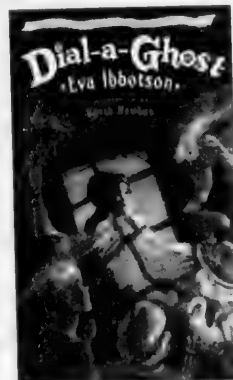
In the last few reviews for young readers, 14-year-old Andover residents John and James have been honoring one of their favorite authors, Roald Dahl. This week, just in time for Halloween, the reviewers select a book with a spooky theme.

It is that time of year again. The time when the ghostly glow emitting from the graveyards flickers in a spectral jubilee. The time of year when the silhouette of a gruesome enchantress soars across the glowing harvest moon. It is time for Halloween!

One of our favorite Halloween traditions is sitting by the glowing embers of a mystical fire and reading an enchanting story. This week's book happens to be one of our favorites — *Dial-A-Ghost*.

Oliver Smith spent 10 years of his life in an orphanage, with no idea that he is the sole inheritor of Helton Hall Manor. Obviously, when he learns of his inheritance, he is thrilled. But his cousins Frieda and Fulton are not nearly as pleased. They are to become the sole inheritors of the manor if anything should "happen" to Oliver.

So Frieda and Fulton call the *Dial-A-Ghost* agency to scare Oliver out of the house. But when their shipment of horrific ghouls is sent to a convent, and the convent's shipment of delightful demons is sent to Helton Hall, everyone's lives (well, those who have one)



are turned upside down.

Both of us believe Eva Ibbotson is a top author, and we think her books will become classics quickly. Ibbotson has previously written *The Secret of Platform 13*, *Island of the Aunts*, *Which Witch?*, *The Great Ghost Rescue*, and most recently *Not Just a Witch*.

We give this book a ghoulish 8 out of 10 rating. It is full of the atmospheres and feelings that will get readers in the mood for Halloween. Creaky old floorboards, bats in the attic and ghosts in the

basements are a few of the things that make this book great.

So climb onto a broomstick and fly to pick up a copy of *Dial-A-Ghost*. It's a treat!

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SCHOOL TALK



Puppeteer Lesley Smith is coming to town Monday, Nov. 3.

TV celebrity **Sam Snail** and puppeteer **Lesley Smith** (at left) are coming to **Parent to Parent Family Night** on Monday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at the **West Middle School** auditorium for a performance billed as "dynamic music and puppetry."

Smith and her puppet **Sam Snail** are seen regularly on Fox Family Channel, Nickelodeon and on area network television featuring their latest commercial on "coping and caring."

At the Parent to Parent event, Smith will present "Peaceable Kingdom," a family program on conflict resolution featuring interactive singing and music accompanied by guitar, with **Jimmy MacDougal** on keyboards.

A cast of about 30 giant-sized puppets and hand puppets highlight Smith's educational programs for elementary students and their parents.

In "Peaceable Kingdom," families will learn how to de-escalate conflict, speak in "I messages," solve problems, and practice anger-management and active-listening skills through an engaging, humorous and theatrical presentation.

This event is made possible with the support of the **Andona Society**. Organizers suggest arriving early, as space is limited. For more information, contact **Tracey Gatland** at 978-258-6117.

Phillips Academy will hold an open house for prospective day students and their families from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, in **Cochran Chapel**. The program will include a discussion of the application process, financial aid, life as a day student at Andover and life as a day student's parent.

Campus tours will be available following the program. In addition, visitors are welcome to attend a student theatre production of *The Bad Seed* by Maxwell Anderson at 3 p.m. and to view the fall exhibitions at the **Addison Gallery of American Art**, open 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Phillips Academy accepts new students in grades 9 to 12 and a postgraduate year. Students who live in Andover and surrounding towns may apply to the school as day students.

No reservation is needed for the open house, and dress is casual. For more information and directions, call the Phillips Academy admission office at 978-749-4050, or visit the Web site at www.andover.edu.

Students at **High Plain Elementary School** will shoot baskets in the Boston Celtics/Easter Seals Basketball Shoot-Out during the month of November to raise money for services for children and adults with disabilities.

The program teaches young people about disabilities, then gives them a chance to help.

Participating students sink as many baskets as they can during a three-minute period in the school gym. Each basket earns money pledged by family and friends. The funds raised support Easter Seals vital services that help people with disabilities expand their independence.

Fifty Basketball Shoot-Out fund-raisers will participate in a basketball clinic at the **FleetCenter** in the spring. Other winners may receive Celtics T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats.

AHS REUNIONS

Class of 1998: Andover High's class of 1998 will hold a reunion Friday, Nov. 28, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Brewery Exchange in Lowell. Cost is \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. Make checks payable to "AHS Class of 1998 Reunion."

For more information, check out the group's Web site: home.comcast.net/~andoverhigh1998.

Class of 1993: Andover High's class of 1993 will hold its 10-year reunion Friday, Nov. 28 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Hillview Country Club, North Reading.

For more information about cost or other details, e-mail Heather Norton at: ahsreunion93@yahoo.com.

Class of 1983: Andover High's class of 1983 will hold its 20-year reunion Saturday, Nov. 29 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the Town House (Old Town Hall).

Cost is \$40 in advance or \$50 at door. Send checks payable to "AHS Class of 1983," PO Box 1483, Andover, 01810; or e-mail to: ClassAHS83@hotmail.com. The class contacts are Lauren Rubenstein Frei and Dorothy McKew Puccia.

Class of 1978: Andover High's class of 1978 will hold its 25-year reunion Saturday, Nov. 29 from 6:30 to midnight at Holiday Inn Andover/Tewksbury, 4 Highwood Drive, Tewksbury.

Invitations have been mailed to graduates, said organizers. The cost will be \$50 per person.

Checks should be made payable to "AHS Class of 1978," PO Box 5125, Andover, 01810.

For more information, contact the committee by e-mail at: ahs1978@aol.com.

Class of 1973: Andover High class of 1973 will hold its 30-year reunion at the Andover Town House (Old Town Hall), 20 Main St., on Friday, Nov. 28 beginning at 7 p.m.

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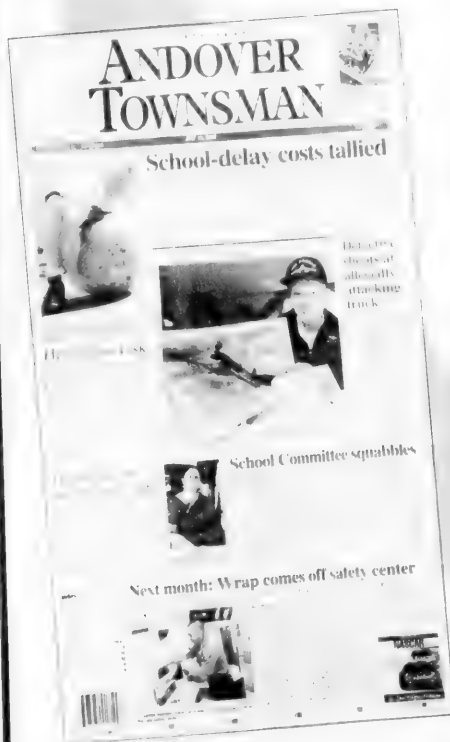
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LOCAL SCHOLARS

Three Andover High School students – **Alison Caverly**, **Matthew Hill** and **Amy Stewart** – have been named semifinalists in the 2004 National Merit Scholarship Program. These students scored within the top 1 percent of all juniors taking the PSAT. Finalist selection is based on academic performance, SAT scores, a student essay, and school recommendation.

Nineteen Andover High seniors have been named commended students: **Sara Barmettler**, **Alyssa Bindman**, **Robert Carleo**, **Alex Dezieck**, **Jason Durant**, **Vincent Errico**, **Athena Hsieh**, **Xiaofeng Hu**, **Andrew Ivanovich**, **Yasmin Mandviwala**, **Carolyn Miller**, **Marsha Mogilevich**, **Robert O'Neill**, **Alison Popper**, **Mark Radlinski**, **Daniel Rosensweig**, **Carly Therkelsen**, **Lindsey Timko** and **Patrick Twomey**.

Some 34,000 commended students throughout the nation are being honored for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards to be

offered next spring, commended students placed among the top 5 percent of more than one million students who entered the 2004 Merit Program by taking the 2002 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

The following Andover students at Phillips Academy have qualified as semifinalists in the 2004 National Merit Scholarship Program: **Matthew Cohen**, **Margaret Dallett**, **Ashwin Deshpande**, **Laura Schoenherr**, **Scott Silverstein**, **Margaret Sullivan** and **Amy Yang**.

Semifinalists are being considered for some 8,000 National Merit Scholarship awards, worth \$32 million, that will be offered in the spring.

Andrew Samel of Andover, class of '04, was among the 20 students at Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield recently recognized by the College Board for their outstanding performance on Advanced Placement Program Examinations.

Samel qualified for the AP Scholar Award by earning an

average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Students took their exams in May after completing college-level courses at GDA. Only 15 percent of the more than one million high school students in more than 14,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

The Academy of Notre Dame in Tyngsboro inducted 24 new members into the National Honor Society on Thursday, Sept. 25.

NDA's Honor Society members include two Andover students in the class of 2005, **Paige Stillwell** and **Megan Griffin**.

Several seniors at St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers have been recognized by the 2004 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended students placing in the top five percent taking the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test include **Brian P. McPartland** of Andover.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Oct. 27-31:

Elementary schools

Monday: Toasted cheese sandwich with tomato soup, bakery pizza, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Baked stuffed shells, pizza stick with soft pretzel, chocolate chip pancakes with ham, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Corn dog with puffs, bakery pizza, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie, chocolate pudding and milk.

Thursday: Meat loaf with mashed potato and gravy, slice of pizza, pizza ring, french toast sticks with sausage, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Beef-and-cheese sub with fries, hot dog with fries, mozzarella sticks with fries, fruit, veggie and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Two beefy burritos, baked chicken nuggets with potato puffs, nachos with taco meat and cheese, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, barbecued rib dippers with fries, meatball sub, fruit, veggie, white cake with frosting and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken a la king over rice, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Hot pastrami on a roll with chips, cheeseburger with fries, baked chicken nuggets with potato puffs, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Baked stuffed shells, two hot dogs with chips, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Hot pastrami sandwich with fries, bakery pizza, macaroni and meatballs, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Two hot dogs with chips, stuffed crust pizza, meatball sub with fries, fruit, veggie, chocolate pudding and milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey dinner, bakery pizza, spaghetti and meat sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Chicken fajita wrap, stuffed crust pizza, chicken parm sub, fruit, veggie and milk.

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Business

Yearning for Yurman

Fans meet with jewelry designer David Yurman at Royal Jewelers

By Andrea Gregory

More than 100 women and a handful of men ventured out in last Wednesday night's windstorm to admire the jewelry of David Yurman and meet the maker at Royal Jewelers on Main Street.

For a while Yurman stood at the door, welcoming his Andover clientele, but soon he was engaged in conversations and lost in a sea of jewelry buyers and browsers in the back room of the store.

The back room showcases the rings, bracelets, necklaces and watches of David Yurman all the time. About once a year the man known for creating accessible jewelry suitable for everyday wear stops by the Andover shop.

"That's our David Yurman store within a store," said Steven Leed, who co-owns Royal Jewelers with his sister, Paula Leed. "Almost every design David has is within that room."

Steven Leed said the night at Royal Jewelers was a success, as almost everyone who attended bought a Yurman piece, doubling the sales produced by previous years' Yurman events. He said a great deal of the success comes from Yurman being so open and able to embrace crowds of admirers.

"He was just really chatty," said Steven Leed. "Here's a guy who is the No. 1 jeweler in the United States, who flew in on his private jet and was very down-to-earth and cool with everybody."

"What's nice is you can really stop and talk to him," said Audrie Bloom, of 3 Durham Drive. "I think his jewelry is beautiful. I like the fact that he uses different stones."

Last Wednesday was Bloom's second encounter with Yurman in Andover. She said

last year she felt a little guilty stealing him away for 45 minutes. Bloom said Yurman has a way of making a conversation feel comfortable and, before she knew it, she was confessing to him she had been studying gems and stones — often on a home shopping channel. According to Bloom, the two had a good laugh when Yurman admitted he watches the channel, too.

As wine was poured and plates of appetizers made their way around the room, Yurman could be spotted signing velvet jewelry bags and engaging in dozens of conversations. Yurman blended in with the crowd, and unless shoppers knew who they were looking for, it was difficult to pick out the man of the evening.

"He's a real person, he watches stupid TV shows like everyone else," said Amy Gold-

man, of 22 Belknap Drive and a friend of Bloom.

Goldman, who was sporting some of her Yurman pieces, remarked on how fitting she believes they are for everyday use. Fans like Goldman also believe Yurman accessories have a distinctive look. His items might feature bold gems of bright colors, a simple string of black pearls, watches with hot pink straps or silver jewelry with a rustic look that is occasionally touched with classic yellow gold.

Yurman said his look has been evolving since the 1980s when he started his business.

"It's distinctively mine," said Yurman. "For me, it's an art form."

Yurman declares he has been an artist since his high school days. He said he spent more than a decade as a sculptor before making it big. Jewelry, at

first, was a side pursuit. "So easy to make and turn into cash," he said about his start in the jewelry world. "It wasn't an overnight success."

So where does Yurman's success stand now?

"(I'm) probably the leading jeweler in America. That's what they say," Yurman said with a humble smirk and a bit of a laugh.

According to Yurman, his jewelry fits with an Andover lifestyle.

"This is just a great market for us," he said. "It's so wearable. It's not something you have to worry about putting in the safe and taking it out."

Yurman said he enjoys his stops in Andover and other communities for a chance to mix and mingle with his customers. "I see what appeals to them," said Yurman. "It's also nice feedback."



Seating By Design's team includes, from left, Linda Hartnett, Paula Bakies, Debra L. Laudani, Lee Reinhold and Phyllis Cerullo. Sandy Schall is missing from the photo.

Seating By Design

New furniture shop offers design expertise

By Judy Wakefield

If you've got a safe, neutral furniture look happening in your home, it may be time for an update.

That's according to a team of local interior design professionals who make up Seating By Design, a small new furniture store at 63 Park St., where custom orders rule.

The quaint second-floor shop sells seat furniture, like sofas, chairs and bar stools, and will customize any order. The custom order selection includes more than 3,000 fabrics. The shop also has a small selection of accessories, including lamps and end tables, that can match any room.

It's a niche that needs to be filled, according to the company's owner, Phyllis Cerullo, who has been on the Andover interior design scene for the past 12 years. She said local clients want more color in their furniture and often want a punch wall or faux painting to liven up living spaces.

"You know that TV show, Trading Spaces, where the homeowners leave and come back to a new room?" she asked. "Well, we can do that. We have the experience to make any room look fresh."

Together, this company's interior design team has some 40 years of experience and includes Linda Hartnett, Paula Bakies, Debra L. Laudani, Lee Reinhold and Sandy Schall, in addition to Cerullo.

"We're a design co-op, not interior designers," said Cerullo. "We are a furniture store that provides interior design expertise."

"We can make rooms more interesting," chimed in Reinhold, who specializes in faux painting and whose painting samples are displayed on the shop's walls.

Potential customers have a chance to check out the store tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 24 when it officially opens. These designing women are hosting two grand opening receptions, serving coffee and pastries from 10 a.m. to noon while wine and appetizers will be served from 7 to 9 p.m.

The new shop is located above Pasta Villaggio in the Park Street Village development.

BRIEFS

Wolfe named CFO, running with Reading

Reading Co-operative Bank has selected Andover resident Gary J. Wolfe as chief financial officer/treasurer.

Wolfe brings more than 20 years of banking experience to this position. Prior to joining Reading Co-operative Bank, he served as vice president/assistant controller at First Essex Bank in Lowell. Other banking experience includes managing loan, accounting, mortgage and savings departments. He also worked as a senior resolutions specialist for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and as a regulatory examiner for the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS).

Wolfe holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Louisiana State University.

According to Reading Co-operative Bank President Susan Muse, "We are very pleased to have Wolfe on board. His comprehensive banking and regulatory experience will prove most advantageous as we continue our mission of making Reading Co-operative Bank the premier community bank in the area."

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Gary Wolfe

Three new tutors for academic center

Joan Krasnoo, a reading specialist, has joined the Merrimack Valley Academic Center, an educational agency located in Dundee Park that provides personalized tutoring and placement services for students who require academic support. Krasnoo is one of three new tutors. The other two are Helen Gerrior and Laurie Pappas-Kirk.

All three certified teachers live in Andover. They will provide services that include reading assessments; reading, writing, math, and study skills tutoring; assistance with learning style differences; homework help; SSAT preparation and school placement. These services will expand the program that the Merrimack Valley Academic Center presently offers.

In addition to tutoring, Krasnoo will provide comprehensive diagnostic reading assessments that will identify reading challenges. She will work to resolve students' weaknesses through individualized tutoring and recommendations to parents.

Kaminski joins Longaberger

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Andover residents honored for five years of service to the organization included Elaine Glickman and Shar Vecchiarello. Those awarded for 20 years of service included Andover residents Joyce Coe and Joan Orrick.

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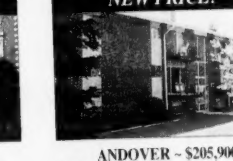
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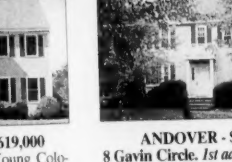
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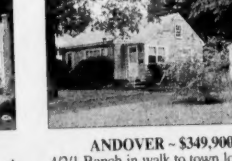
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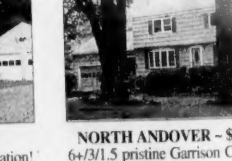
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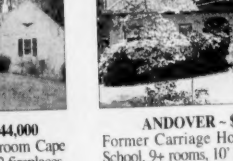
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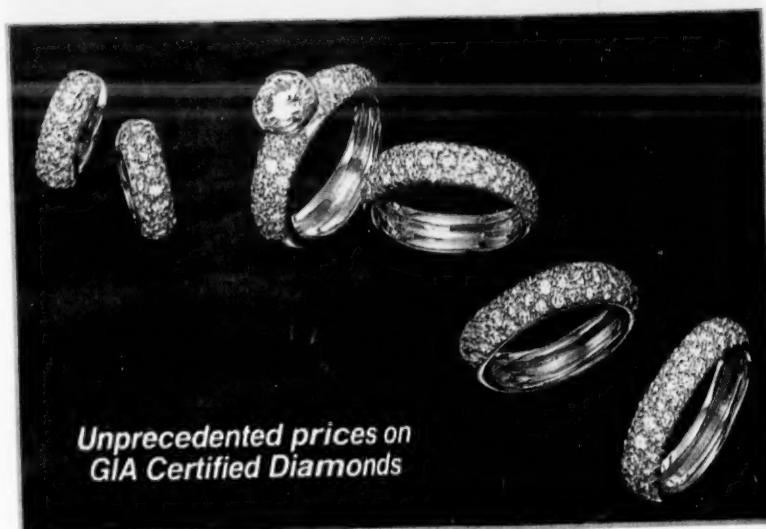


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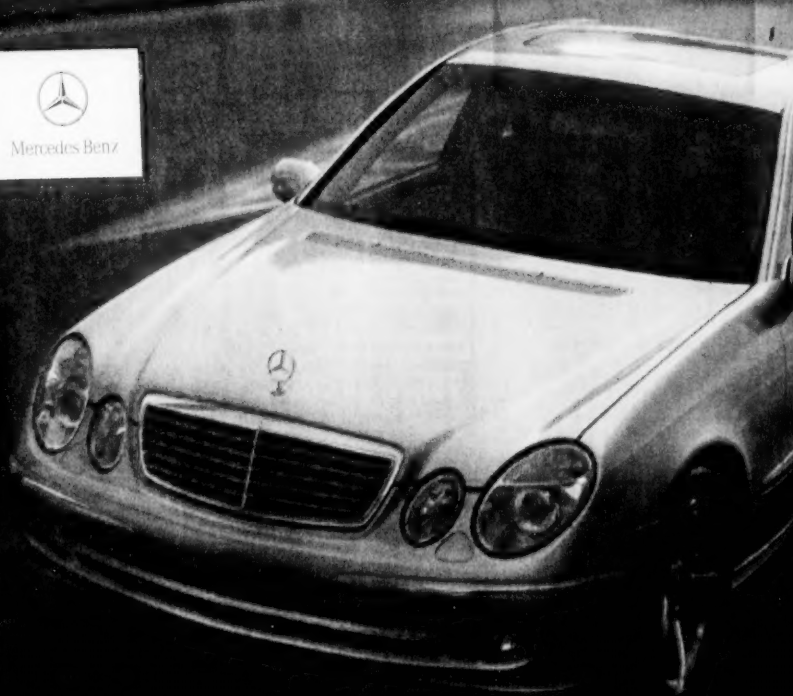
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